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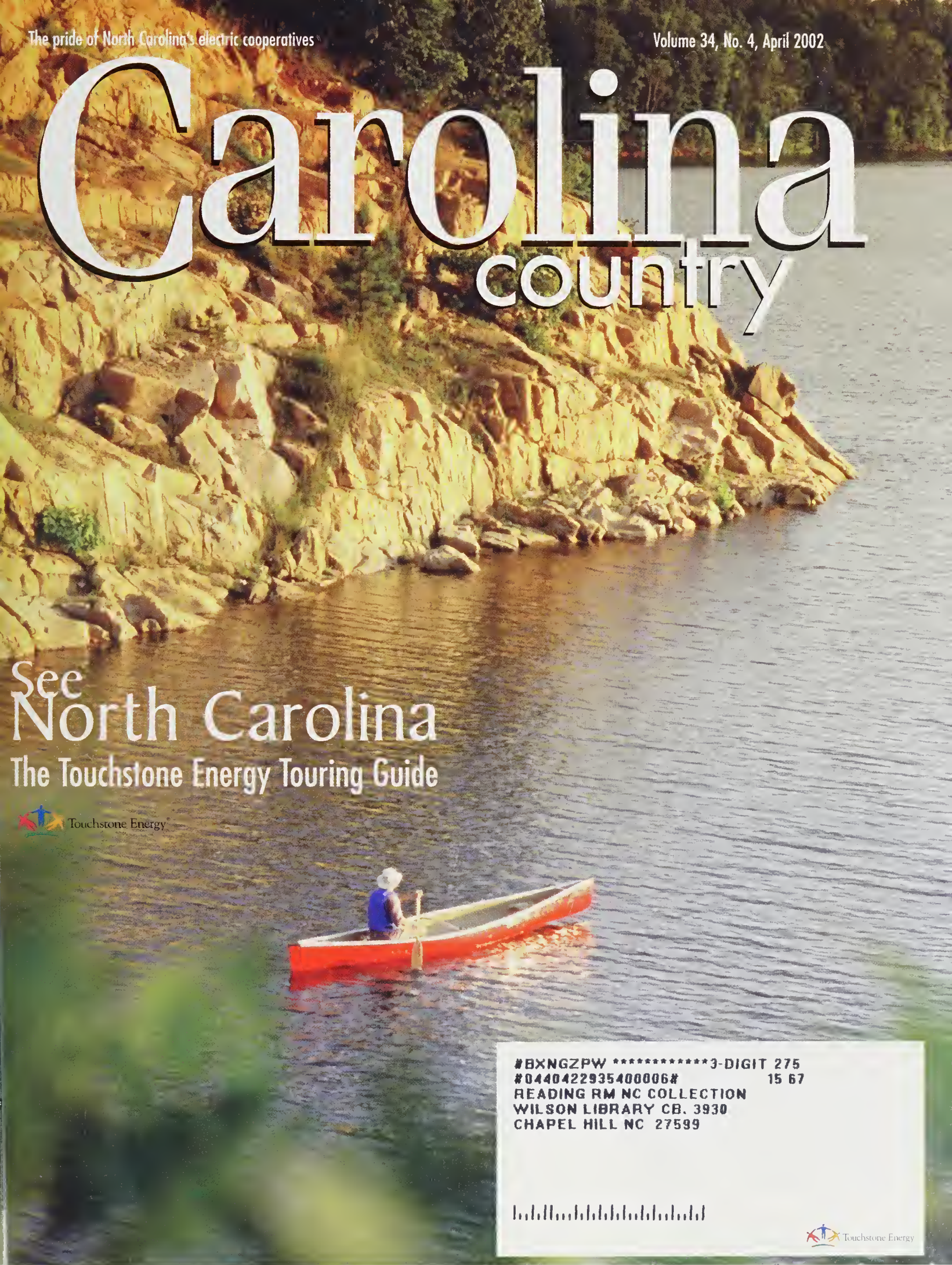

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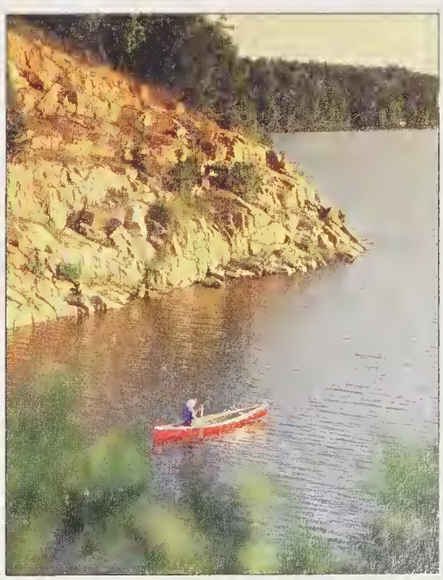

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We also appreciate it. Keep up the good work.

Judy Young
Morganton

Editor's Note: Our 1999 survey showed we had 85 percent readership. Our latest survey shows we have 92 percent. Thank you to all Carolina Country readers. We do this for you.

Union Power and a better world

My cat had been in the tree for four days and three nights. I called 911, the fire department, the police department, Action 9 and everyone told me they couldn't help me. I could not understand, since we see firemen helping cats out of the trees on TV.

I was mad and didn't know what to do. I called Union Power and they said yes, they would help. I want to thank Union Power and the two men who came out. God bless them. People like that make a difference in the world.

Paulette Bolden
Waxhaw

Proud to be an American in North Carolina

I am an Iranian-American who lives in Washington, D.C. We receive and read Carolina County magazine and love it. We are customers of Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative.

My wife, Jocelyn, and I first came to Cape Hatteras 25 years ago and really loved it. A few years later, we bought a house there. I just wanted to let you know how beautiful that place is. We spend every chance we get there. Summer is gorgeous. Fall migration of snow geese and swan is breath taking. And my God, Christmas time, the trip down there with all the decoration makes us feel like we are in heaven.

I want all North Carolinians to know they live in a piece of heaven. I have two kids named David and Elizabeth, and they, too, from 4 months old have been coming to our beautiful house in Hatteras. They love it. I want to let all your readers know that we have brought down many families as guests, and every one of them thought that Hatteras is hidden treasure.

We do our duties to keep the island clean as we found it. Several times during our visit, we drive to the beach to pick up trash. One day a lady on the beach asked me why I pick up trash on hot summer days, and my response was, "I want my kids to enjoy this beautiful land the way their parents have."

Last thing: I have traveled many places, and truthfully there are no people friendlier than in North Carolina. I made many friends in Cape Hatteras for the last 25 years and must tell you this. Many of them know I work for government in Washington, D.C. Three weeks after September 11, I came down to spend a quiet weekend there. That's where friends really touched my heart. Everyone was so happy to see me. They were concerned about me — from neighbors to restaurant and local shop keepers — they all were giving me a hug and telling me how happy they are to see me well. We went to a restaurant that we usually go to, and the owner did not charge us and told us how happy he was to see me alive.

I have never seen people like that. And that makes me to be ever proud of being an American and have the privilege to have friends like North Carolinians. May God bless America and you wonderful folks.

David M Amini, Cape Hatteras Electric
Washington, D.C.

Working for children

Thank you for again running an important article concerning care for our children. ["Child Care in North Carolina: A Guide for Working Parents," February 2002]. Our organization strives not only to increase the quality and availability of child care, but to educate parents to be informed consumers. Kudos to Renee Gannon for an excellent job.

Our Child Care Resource and Referral is an in-house agency, connected to the state network. We would be happy to help sponsor or work with other CCR & R agencies to offer some additional training for your readers if they are interested.

Thank you again for helping to build brighter futures for our children.

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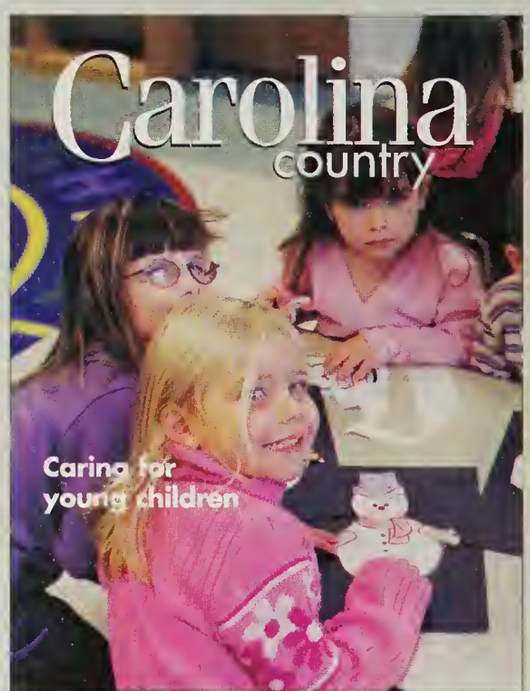

To who every read this letter

I want you to know I am a little handicap. I can't say some of my words to good, and I didn't finish school. I was slow in learning. But I am trying to learn my own self. It is still hard. I am trying to read my Bible all the way through.

This picture is my mother. She has been marry 3 times. Each was a good man.

I an't marry. I haven't got any childrens. But I help take care of my familys childrens.

I love everybody on this whole earth. I do anything for anybody. I stay with my mother. I help her out. I help cook clean house wash dishes bring in wood. I don't work on a job so I don't make money, except if I do things for my familys or friends.

I will always keep you all in my prayers. You all will always be very special in my life. At least I did try to write good. I will always remember you all. We need to have friends. You all just remember I do care about you all and I love you all. Take care.

Onie Frances Rogerson
Blounts Creek

Onie Frances and friends

This is a picture of my sister name Delores, my mother Callie, Mrs. Maggy, my nephew Lindsey and me behind.

Patriotic snowmen

John Van Eyck, a Wake EMC member in Youngsville, sent us pictures of snow sculptures he made after the snowfall that covered Wake County in early January. He chose a patriotic theme with three firefighters, inspired by a Newsweek magazine cover. He says his 3½-year-old daughter, Brooke Aspen, helped some. He and his wife, Kellie, took the photos.

What's His phone number?

One Sunday morning while we were at church, the pastor was preaching his sermon. He was preaching about "calling on Jesus" for help. Our 4-year-old daughter, Brianna, looked up at me and said, "Mommie, what is Jesus' phone number?" I was so surprised at her question I didn't know what to say. At least she was listening to the preacher.

Debra McCoy
Ashe County

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Has the collapse of Enron affected your electric cooperative?

The Enron bankruptcy late last year has raised a number of questions regarding its effect on electric utilities in general and electric cooperatives in particular.

Has the Enron bankruptcy affected North Carolina's electric cooperatives directly? Not much. North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, the power supplier for 26 of North Carolina's 27 electric cooperatives, does not have any ongoing transactions with Enron or any of its affiliates.

Who is this company that has so dominated national news? Enron was formed in 1985 as a result of the merger of Houston Natural Gas and InterNorth of Omaha. Based in Houston, it grew into the nation's seventh-biggest company in revenue by buying electricity, natural gas and other commodities and reselling to utilities and other buyers. The company also was one of the major forces in the national discussion regarding restructuring the electric utility industry.

What is the impact of Enron's fall from grace? Enron's bankruptcy, the largest in U.S. history, is causing ramifications that touch a number of economic sectors especially those in the utility business. It's been said the Enron bankruptcy has stalled restructuring in the retail segment of the electricity industry. Restructuring, however, was delayed well before Enron fell. Several states, including North Carolina, slowed their retail electric utility deregulation process, primarily in response to California's electricity crisis last year.

The bankruptcy *has* stalled Congressional efforts to overhaul the nation's electricity markets while it focuses on examining Enron's dealings. But that doesn't mean there aren't ongoing federal issues that have a significant impact on North Carolina electric cooperatives.

One of the more important issues is the formation of Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs) under the supervision of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). In theory, an RTO would guarantee equitable transmission grid access to all power producers, including electric cooperatives. North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation does not own transmission facilities, thus, equal and fair access is vital if the co-ops are to successfully acquire competitively priced wholesale power and deliver it to their members at the lowest possible cost.

For the electric cooperatives, the key to a successful RTO will be its independent operation of the transmission for the users of the system.

Electric cooperatives continue to monitor efforts to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act, the federal law that regulates corporate activities of investor-owned utilities. Our national trade association, the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association (NRECA), opposes repeal fearing it would open the gates to numerous mega-mergers in the utility industry. If PUHCA is repealed, it should be replaced with a practical approach to controlling market power. Electric cooperative representatives are working with FERC personnel, Congressional leaders and state utility commissioners on these and other issues of concern.

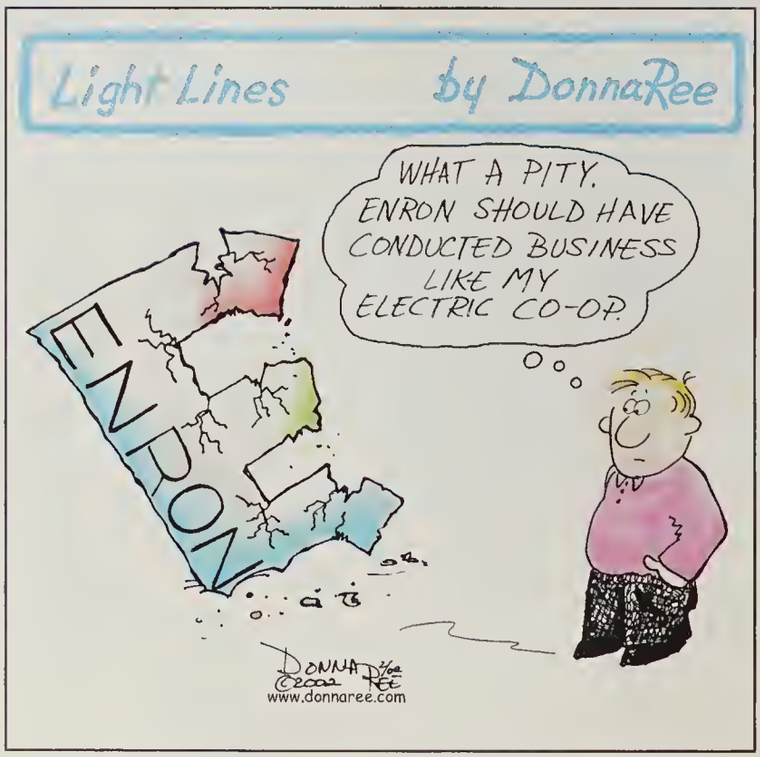
And finally, the Enron bankruptcy has spawned a school of thought that the electric utility industry needs more oversight, not less. The Wall Street rating firm Standard and Poor's (S&P) expects the Enron bankruptcy and the California energy crisis to increase regulatory oversight of utilities. In terms of oversight, North Carolina's electric cooperatives are governed by their members. Also, electric cooperatives that have loans from the federal Rural Utilities Service (RUS), a division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, must meet specific government regulations.

Enron's collapse and the California electricity crisis have caused significant utility credit erosion. Standard and Poor's reported that 81 utilities received credit downgrades last year, while only 29 had their credit ratings upgraded. Enron's bankruptcy led directly to 15 downgrades in the fourth quarter of 2001. S&P expects further utility credit erosion in 2002. Still, Standard and Poor's said the utility sector remains highly rated compared to the other U.S. industrial sectors. North Carolina's electric cooperatives remain in good financial condition.

Meanwhile, Enron's bankruptcy did not significantly affect retail customers. On the wholesale side, gas and electricity markets responded reasonably well, because the loss of Enron presented opportunities for other energy marketing companies. However, long-term issues, such as increased cost of capital, risk, increased regulatory oversight and other reforms are likely to be reflected in the market.

We will continue to keep you informed on this and other issues of interest to electric cooperative members.

— North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives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When "put put" powered the Healing Spring Hotel

I was born and grew up in Ashe County. The post office was Crumpler, N.C., but the only electric power in that area was at Healing Springs Hotel and Cottages. They had 100 or more batteries, and each evening about 4 they would crank up what we called "Put Put" to charge those batteries for the night. When the dark of night came, the lights would go on and the guests would have electric power for about three or four hours. By 10 at night, the lights would begin to get dim and curfew was no later than 10:30, even with "Put Put" still running.

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Earl Baker
Sparta

Local talent scheduled for UNC-TV series this spring

Lesley Gaither, a member of the EnergyUnited electric cooperative, is one of the Touchstone Energy "Carolina Calling" performers. She's on UNC-TV on April 13 with J.P Van Hoy and the PHAT band.

Underneath Lesley Gaither's Iredell County drawl is the voice and soul of a promising jazz singer. Gaither is among the talented North Carolinians featured on the new Touchstone Energy "Carolina Calling" television series that debuts at 8 p.m. on April 6 on the UNC-TV television network. The series is hosted by Hall of Fame entertainer Arthur Smith and runs 13 consecutive weeks.

Lesley Gaither appears April 13 with J.P Van Hoy and the PHAT band. Gaither was enticed back into music by Van Hoy, who heard her singing solos in the Union Grove United Methodist church choir. Gaither had walked away from a music career after a disappointing 6-month experience in Nashville. She came home to Iredell County, married, and began career as a successful interior designer. A member of EnergyUnited, Gaither was content to limit her singing career to weekly choir appearances. That was the plan until Van Hoy heard her sing.

Van Hoy knows music. He's staged numerous music festivals at the Hoy Farms Family Campground that have featured Waylon Jennings, Merle Haggard and Kathy Mattea among others.

Van Hoy has worked with Gaither for three and a half years and says her voice, confidence and knowledge have come together to the point that she is on the verge of taking her place among the great performers who call North Carolina home. The first step to claiming that place begins on "Carolina Calling."

"Carolina Calling" is a joint production of North Carolina's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, UNC-TV and Smith Productions.

Touchstone Energy "Carolina Calling" April lineup

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How to hire an electrician

The best way to find a qualified electrical contractor is by word of mouth – someone's recommendation. Next best, pay a visit to your local wholesale electrical supply house, tell them about your project, and ask for references. The Yellow Pages is another good source. For major projects, think twice before calling someone who advertises on a local bulletin board or neighborhood newspaper because they may not be certified and licensed

What's the best way to get quality electrical work at a good price? Electricians say you can save yourself time and aggravation by knowing how electricians work.

The Leviton Institute interviewed several electrical contractors, and here's what the electricians want you to ask before you contract for their services.

Ask me about the kind of work I do.

Electrical contractors tend to specialize. Some only do new construction or remodeling work. Some do only minor repairs, such as installing a new light fixture or replacing an outlet or switch. So tell the electrician about the job you have in mind first.

Ask me if a permit is required.

In most municipalities, a permit is required when an electrician needs to run a new circuit or extend an existing one. It's not needed for simple repairs, such as replacing an outlet or light fixture, but it is for larger projects—say, if you're installing a new hot tub.

A permit provides you with protection, because a government inspector will come to your home to check and approve the electrician's work before the job is completed. The electrical contractor should always obtain the permit under his name, not yours, and post the permit on the job site.

Ask me if I am a certified, licensed electrical contractor.

Electricians are highly trained professionals. Their certification and state license are proof they have mastered their trade and that their work meets local electrical codes. For insurance reasons, it's always best to hire a licensed electrician, especially when a permit is required.

Ask me if I carry insurance and worker's compensation.

The last thing you want when you hire an electrical contractor is to be sued if a worker is injured while working in your home. Before you hire a contractor for a large project, ask to see proof of current insurance and a state license. For a typical remodeling job, an electrician should carry a minimum of $500,000 in liability insurance and worker's compensation coverage.

For a small job, ask me for an estimate over the phone.

Electrical contractors don't mind coming out to give you an estimate, but on a small job, they may lose money just driving to your home. Instead, the electrician may give you his minimum charge, or a fixed price for the job you have described.

On larger jobs, ask for an hourly rate. The average rate for a licensed electrician around the country varies from $45 to $65 an hour. Expect to pay more if a helper is needed on the job. You should also call two or three contractors and ask them to come to your home to give you an estimate.

Ask the electrician to purchase all the materials for the job. You may think you'll save money by buying the materials yourself, but the Leviton Institute found it's better for the electrician to make all the purchases. If the electrician buys the materials, he's responsible for warranty issues, defective products, and broken or missing parts.

For example, if you bought a light fixture and the electrician finds a part missing during installation, it's up to you to go back to the store and get the missing part. Meanwhile, the electrician sits around and charges you by the hour. If the electrician buys the fixture and a part is missing, it's his responsibility—and his time.

Ask me who is responsible for any repairs caused by the job.

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Ask how to pay for services.

On small jobs, the contractor expects payment when the job is completed. On larger jobs, the contractor will typically ask for 10 to 30 percent of the total job before work begins, with additional payments upon completion of certain stages.

For your protection, do not make the final payment until you've received a waiver stating that all suppliers and other workers on the job have been paid by the electrical contractor. Without this waiver, you may be responsible for these charges if the electrician doesn't pay them.

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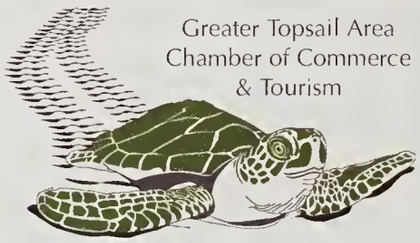

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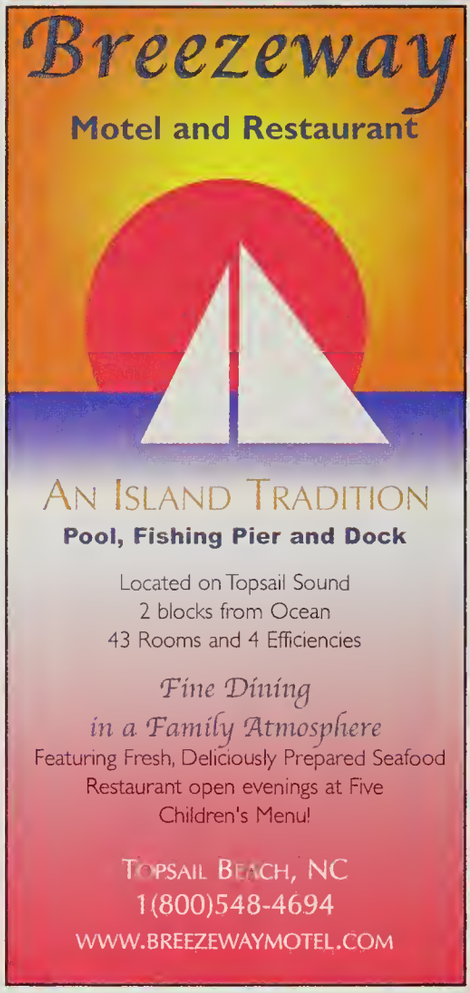

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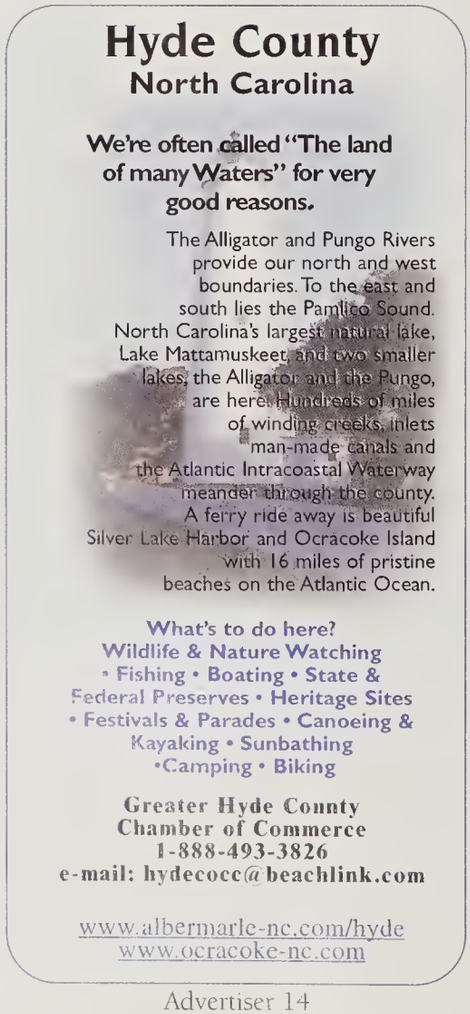
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Perquimans County Parks & Recreation, Hertford.
(252) 426-5695.

Pettigrew State Park, Creswell.
(252) 797-4475.
http://ils.und.edu/parkproject/pett.html

Roanoke/Cashie River Center, Windsor.
(252) 794-2001.

Roanoke River Canoe Trail, Windsor.
Four platforms open for camping in Lower Roanoke Region.
(252) 794-2793.
www.raanokeriverportners.org

Scuppernong River Interpretive Boardwalk, Columbia. Wetlands Walk.
(252) 796-1000.

Sen. Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center, Williamston.
Indoor arena for horse events, truck pulls, etc.
(252) 792-5802.
www.olbemorle-nc.com/mortin/ogeost/

TCOM L.P., Weeksville.
Airship hangar.
(252) 338-3200.

U.S. Coast Guard Air Station, Elizabeth City.
(252) 335-6000.

HISTORICAL

Asa Biggs House, Williamston.
(252) 792-6605.

Camden County Jail, Camden.
Built in 1910, restored.
(252) 338-1919.

Davenport House, Creswell.
(252) 793-3248.

Episcopal Cemetery, Elizabeth City.
Some burial sites date back to 1724.
(252) 335-0346.

Fort Branch Historic Site, east of Hamilton.
Confederate earthworks.
(800) 776-8566.
www.fortbronchcivilworsite.com.

Historic Albemarle Tour.
(800) 734-1117

Historic Columbia Walking Tour.
(252) 796-2781.

Watermark Crafts, Camden County.

Veteran's Park on the Scuppernong, Columbia.
(252) 796-1371.

Walter B. Jones, Sr. Center for the Sounds, Columbia.
(252) 796-3008.

Waterfront Park, Elizabeth City.
(252) 338-3981.

The Whalehead Club, Corolla.
(252) 453-9040.

Historic Edenton Visitor Center.
(252) 482-2637.

Historic Hertford and Walking Tour, Hertford.
(252) 426-1425.

Historic Main Street Walking Tour, Elizabeth City.
(252) 335-4365.

Historic Murfreesboro.
Early river part.
(252) 398-5922.

Historic Plymouth.
(252) 793-1377.

Historic Williamston.
(252) 792-0409.

Historic Windsor.
Self-guided walking tour.
(252) 794-4277.

Hope Plantation, Windsor.
Restored, early 1800s home of N.C. Governor and U.S. Senator David Stane.
(252) 794-3140.

Newbold-White House, S.R. 1336, Hertford.
Colonial Quaker hamestead.
(252) 426-7567.

Perquimans County Visitors Center.
(252) 426-5657.

Somerset Place Historic Site, near Creswell.
Best example af slave-supparted plantation life.
(252) 797-4560.

ARTS AND CULTURAL

Chowan Arts Council.
(252) 482-8005.

Columbia Theater Cultural Resources Center, Columbia.
(252) 766-0200.

Gallery Theatre, Inc., Ahaskie.
(252) 332-2976.

Main Street Stage, Elizabeth City.
Home of the Encore Theatre Company.
(252) 338-3382.

Pasquotank Arts Council Gallery.
(252) 338-6455.

Perquimans Arts League & Center, Hertford.
(252) 426-3041.

Pocosin Arts,
Columbia.
(252) 796-2787.

Washington County Arts Council.
(252) 793-9321.

Watermark Association of Artisans.
Craft cooperative.
(252) 338-0853

MUSEUMS

Ahoskie Museum, Ahoskie.
Located in the Garrett House.
(252) 332-2042.

Brady C. Jefcoat Museum, Murfreesboro.
Extensive Early American callection.
(252) 398-8054/(252) 398-5922.

C.S. Brown Regional Cultural Center and Museum, Winton.
A 1926 schaalhouse museum of African American history and arts.
(252) 358-1127

Museum of the Albemarle, U.S. 17, Elizabeth City.
Exhibits af life in northeastern North Caralina.
(252) 335-1453.

Port O' Plymouth Museum.
(252) 793-1377.

St. James Place Museum, Robersonville.
Restored primitive Baptist Church with N.C. falk art, antique decays, and pottery. By appointment anly.
(252) 795-3936/(252) 795-4719.

WILDLIFE AREAS

Alligator River Refuge, Columbia.
(252) 473-1131.
www.outer-banks.com/alligotor-river/

Dismal Swamp Wetlands & Boardwalk Project.
Observatian tawer, biking, hiking, fishing, baating and hunting.
(252) 335-3375.

Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.
Only live peat bog on the continent.
(757) 986-3907.
http://olbemarlenc.com/gotes/gdsnwr

Mackay's Island National Wildlife Refuge, Knotts Island.
(252) 429-3100.
www.olbemorle-nc.com/knottsislond/mockoy.htm

Merchants Millpond State Park, U.S. 158 in Gates County.
(252) 357-1191.
www.olbemarle-nc.com/gotes/millpond.htm

Morningstar Nature Refuge, Williamston.
Private refuge. Taurs by appaintment in afternaans anly.
(252) 792-7788.

Palmetto-Peartree Preserve, Columbia, Tyrrell County.
(919) 967-2223

Pettigrew State Park, south of Creswell.
Contains same af the state's last virgin farests, offers campsites, primitive and RV.
(252) 797-4475.

Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, Creswell/Columbia.
(252) 796-3004.

Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge.
10,000 acres.
(252) 794-5326.

The Outer Banks & Pamlico

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Aycock Brown Welcome Center, Kitty Howk.
(252) 261-4644
www.outerbonks.com/dare/brown.htm

Belhoven Community Chomber.
(252) 943-3770
www.belhavenchamber.com

Crystol Coost Tourism Bureou.
(800) 786-6962/(252) 726-8148
www.sunnync.com

Currituck Chomber.
(252) 453-9497/(877) CURRITUCK
www.currituckchomber.org

Dare County.
(252) 473-1101
www.co.dore.nc.us/

Greater Hyde County Chamber.
(252) 926-9171/(888) 493-3826
www.ocracoke-nc.com

Hovelock.
(252) 447-0014
www.havelockchamber.net

Historic Albemorle Tour.
(800) 734-1117
www.historicalbemarletour.com

Historic Bath Visitor Center.
(252) 923-3971
www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/hs/bath/bath.htm

New Bern/Craven County Convention ond Visitors Bureou.
(800) 437-5767
www.visitnewbern.com

N.C. Ferries.
(800) BY-FERRY
www.ncferry.org

Ocracoke Visitor Center.
(252) 928-4531

Outer Banks Chamber.
(252) 441-8144

Outer Bonks Visitors Bureau.
(800) 446-6262/(252) 473-2138

Pamlico County Visitor Center.
(252) 745-3008
www.pamlico-nc.com

Washington/Beaufort County.
(252) 946-9168/(800) 999-3857
www.woshingtonnctourism.com

ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

Cape Hatteros Electric Cooperative (Buxton).
(252) 995-5616

Carteret-Croven Electric Cooperotive (Morehead City).
(252) 247-3107

Horkers Islond EMC (Horkers Islond).
(252) 728-2593

Tideland EMC (Pontego, Grontsboro, Ocrocoke, Engelhord).
(252) 943-3046

HISTORICAL

Attmore-Oliver House, New Bern.
Built in 1790
(252) 638-8558.

Beaufort Historic Site.
Historic houses
(252) 728-5225/(800) 575-SITE
www.historicbeoufort.com

Birthploce of Pepsi, New Bern.
Pepsi invented in 1898
(252) 636-5898
www.pepsistore.com/

Bodie Island Lighthouse, south of Nogs Heod.
(252) 441-5711
www.outerbanks.com/bodielight/

British Cemetery, Ocrocoke.
Memorial to four British sailors
(252) 928-7535

Cape Hotteros Lighthouse and Visitor Center.
Tallest lighthouse in the U.S.
(252) 995-4474
www.hatteras-nc.com/light/

Cope Lookout Lighthouse.
(252) 728-2250

Chicamacomico Lifesaving Station, Rodonthe.
Restored
(252) 987-2405

Coinjock Bridge Bell Monument, Berlo.
(252) 453-8345

Colington Islond.
Site of the first permanent settlement on the Outer Banks
(252) 473-2138

Corolla Chapel, Currituck.
Century-old chapel
(252) 441-7220

Corollo Post Office ond Generol Store.
(252) 453-9497
www.currituckchomber.org

Currituck Beach Lighthouse, Corolla.
(252) 453-8152
www.currituckbeachlight.com

Currituck Confederote Wor Memoriol, Currituck.
(252) 232-2525

Currituck County Jail.
One of the state's oldest
(252) 232-2525
www.currituckchamber.org

Currituck Courthouse.
(252) 453-9497
www.co.currituck.nc.us/profile

Elizabeth II Stote Historic Site, Monteo.
Reproduction of a 16th century English sailing vessel the Elizabeth II
(252) 475-1500

Elizabethan Gardens, Roonoke Islond.
A memorial to English colonists
(252) 473-3234

Fort Mocon State Park, Outside of Atlontic Beach.
One of the 10 most-visited historic state parks in the country
(252) 726-3775
www.clis.com/friends

Fort Raleigh Notional Historic Site, Roonoke Island.
Sir Walter Raleigh's "lost" colony
(252) 473-5772

Historic Albemarle Tour.
(800) 734-1117
www.albemarle-nc.com/hat/

Historic Both Tour.
(252) 923-3971

Historic Corollo Village.
(800) 489-4339
www.twiddy.com

Historic Ocrocoke.
(252) 928-7375

Historic Woshington.
(252) 946-9168/(800) 999-3857
www.woshingtonnctourism.com

Mottomuskeet Lodge.
(888) 493-3826

New Bern Historic Trolley Cor Tour.
(800) 849-7316

Ocrocoke Lighthouse.
(252) 928-7375

Portsmouth Village.
Uninhabited 18th-century shipping village maintained by the National Park Service
(252) 728-2250

Rehoboth Church, US 64E, Roper.
(252) 793-3248

Saint Thomos Episcopol Church, Both.
Oldest church in North Carolina
(252) 923-3971

Troder Store, Hovelock.
(252) 447-0014

Somerset Ploce, Creswell.
State Historic Site offers a glimpse of plantation life
(252) 797-4560

Tryon Poloce ond Gordens, New Bern.
Home of William Tryon, governor of the colony
(800) 767-1560/(252) 638-5109
www.tryonpalace.org

Wright Brothers National Memoriol, Kill Devil Hills.
Site af first airplane flight
(252) 441-7430
www.outerbanks.com/wrightbrothers/

Gliding over Nags Head.

PARKS AND RECREATION

A Day at the Farm, west of New Bern.
(252) 514-9494
www.odoyotthefarm.com

Albemarle Chesapeake Canal, Coinjock.
www.midwaymarina.com

Biking Pamlico.
(252) 745-3008

Bogue Inlet Fishing Pier, Emerald Isle.
(252) 354-2919

Cape Hatteras National Seashore.
75 miles
(252) 473-2111

Cape Lookout National Seashore, Harkers Island office.
(252) 728-2250
www.nps.gov/colo

Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, Havelock/Cherry Point.
(252) 466-2536

Coastal Engineering Research Center, Duck.
800-ft. research pier
(252) 473-1101

Corolla Wild Horses.
(252) 453-8152
www.corollowildharses.com

Cow Cafe at Maola Dairy, New Bern.
(252) 638-1131

Jockey's Ridge State Park, Nags Head.
East Coast's highest sand dune
(252) 441-7132

Knotts Island Ferry.
(252) 232-2683
www.co.currtuck.nc.us/KIFerry.html

Lake Landing Driving Tour.
(252) 926-9171/(888) 493-3826

Neuse River Recreation Area.
(252) 638-5628

North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores.
(252) 247-4003
www.aquoriums.state.nc.us/Aquariums

North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island.
(252) 473-3494

North Carolina Estuarium, Washington.
(252) 948-0000
www.partnershipforthesaunds.org

Ocracoke Campground.
Run by the Natianal Park Service
(800) 365-CAMP

Ocracoke Pony Pens.
About six miles fram Hatteras ferry landing
(252) 928-4531

Oregon Inlet Campground.
Run by the National Park Service
(252) 473-2111

Oregon Inlet Fishing Center.
Center af sportfishing an the Outer Banks
(800) 272-5199/(252) 441-6301

Paddle Trails of Pamlico County.
(252) 745-3008
www.pamlico-nc.com

Partnership for the Sounds.
(252) 796-1000
www.portnershipforthesounds.org

Whalehead Club, Ocean Trail, Corolla.
28.5 acres af land apen to public
(252) 453-9040
www.wholehead.cam

ARTS AND CULTURAL

Bank of Arts, New Bern.
Hame of the Craven Arts Cauncil and Gallery
(252) 638-2577

"The Lost Colony," Roanoke Island.
Outdaor symphanic drama, in summer
(800) 488-5012/(252) 473-3414
www.thelostcolony.org/

The New Bern Civic Theatre.
(252) 633-0567

Pamlico County Cultural & Civic Center.
(252) 249-0477

Roanoke Island Festival Park, Manteo.
(252) 475-1500

MUSEUMS

Aurora Fossil Museum, Aurora.
Geology of the coastal plain
(252) 322-4238
www.pamlica.com/auroro/fossils

Belhaven Memorial Museum.
Unusual callection
(252) 943-6817

Carteret County Museum of History, Morehead City.
(252) 247-7533
www.nccoost.com/museum.htm

Core Sound Waterfowl Museum, Harkers Island.
(252) 728-1500
www.caresaund.com

The Fireman's Museum, New Bern.
(252) 636-4087

Frisco Native American Museum and Natural History Center.
(252) 995-4440

North Carolina Maritime Museum, Beaufort.
(252) 728-7317
www.oh.dcr.state.nc.us/maritime/default.htm

Ocracoke Preservation Society Museum.
(252) 928-7375

Port O'Plymouth Museum, Plymouth.
Civil War museum
(252) 793-1377

WILDLIFE AREAS

Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge.
(252) 473-1131
www.outer-banks.com/olligotor-river/

Cape Hatteras National Seashore.
(252) 473-2111

Carrot Island/Rachel Carson Estuarine Reserve, Beaufort.
Acrass Taylor's Creek from the Beaufart waterfrant
(252) 728-2170
www.ncnerr.org/cerf

Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge.
(252) 225-2511

Croatan National Forest, southeast of New Bern.
(252) 638-5628

Currituck Banks National Marine Estuarine Reserve.
(252) 429-3100

Currituck National Wildlife Refuge, Corolla.
(252) 429-3100
http://fws.gov/~r4eoa

Goose Creek State Park, Washington.
Baating, wildlife, camping, fishing
(252) 923-2191
www.ncsporks.net

Gull Rock Game Land, Hyde County.
(919) 733-7291

Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge.
Adjacent ta Knatts Island.
(252) 429-3100
http://southeast.fws.gov

Mattamuskeet/Swan Quarter National Wildlife Refuge.
(252) 926-4021

Nags Head Woods Preserve.
(252) 441-2525

Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge.
Bird sanctuary
(252) 473-1131

Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.
(252) 796-3004

Theodore Roosevelt State Natural Area.
Between Atlantic Beach and Pine Knall Shares
(252) 726-3775

Roanoke Rapids to Kinston

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Benson Chamber.
(919) 894-3825

Clayton Chamber.
(919) 553-6352

Farmville.
(252) 753-4670

Greater Goldsboro Travel & Tourism.
(919) 734-2245/(866) 440-2245
www.greotergoldsboro.com

Greenville/Pitt County Convention & Visitors Bureau.
(800) 537-5564

Halifax County Tourism.
(800) 522-4282
www.visitholifox.com

Historic Albemarle Tour.
(800) 734-1117
www.historicolbemorletour.com

Johnston County Visitors Bureau.
(800) 441-7829
www.johnstonco-cvb.org

Kenly Chamber.
(919) 284-5510

Kinston-Lenoir County.
(252) 527-1131

Kinston Convention & Visitors Bureau.
(800) 869-0032
www.visitkinston.com

Lagrange.
(252) 527-1131

Lake Gaston Chamber and Visitors Center.
(252) 586-5711/(866) 730-5711
www.lakegastonchomber.com

Mt. Olive Area Chamber.
(919) 658-3113
www.ncpicklefest.org

Nash County Visitors Bureau.
(800) 849-6825
www.RockyMountTrovel.com

N.C. Welcome Center (I-95 North).
(252) 537-9836

N.C. Welcome Center (I-85 North).
(252) 456-3236

Roanoke Valley.
(800) 522-4282

Rocky Mount.
(252) 972-1151
www.ci.rocky-mount.nc.us/

Scotland Neck.
(252) 826-3917

Smithfield-Selma Area Chamber.
(919) 934-9166
www.smithfieldselmo.com

Tarboro-Edgecombe Chamber.
(252) 823-7241

Warren County EDC.
(252) 257-3114
www.worrencountync.org

Wayne County Chamber.
(919) 734-2241

Wilson Visitors Bureau.
(800) 497-7398/(252) 243-8440
www.wilson-nc.com

ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC (Tarboro).
(252) 823-2171

Halifax EMC (Enfield).
(252) 445-5111

Pitt & Greene EMC (Farmville).
(252) 753-3128

Roanoke Electric Cooperative (Rich Square).
(252) 539-2236

Tri-County EMC (Dudley).
(919) 735-2611

PARKS AND RECREATION

Factory Stores of America, Exit 96, I-95 in Smithfield.
Over 85 outlets
(919) 989-8757

City of Antiques, Wilson.
(800) 497-7398

Cliffs of the Neuse State Park, Seven Springs.
751 acres riverfront
(919) 778-6234
http://ils.unc.edu/porkproject/ncporks.html

JR's Tobacco & Fragrance Outlet, Selma.
(919) 965-5055

Kerr Lake State Recreation Area.
(252) 438-7791

Kids World Playground, Mount Olive.
(919) 658-9539

Kinston Drag Strip.
(252) 522-9551

Kinston Indians.
Minor league baseball
(252) 527-9111

Little River Tours, Goldsboro.
Guided canoe trips
919) 735-6529

Neuseway Nature Park and Campground, Kinston.
(252) 939-3367

River Falls Park, Weldon.
Overlook the rapids, hike and picnic. Rockfish capital of the world
(800) 522-4282

Selma Antiques Mecca.
Over 15 antique stores
(919) 965-9841

Southern National Speedway, Kenly.
NASCAR April-October
(919) 284-1114

Stoney Creek Greenway Trail, Goldsboro.
Part of N.C. Mountains-to-the-Sea Trail
(919) 734-2245

Wayne County Speedway & Dragstrip, Pikeville.
(919) 242-6680

Wayne County Trail.
Part of N.C. Mountains-to-the-Sea Trail
(919) 734-2245

Wilson Rose Garden.
140 varieties
(800) 497-7398
www.wilson-nc.com/wct_rosegorden.html

HISTORICAL

Atkinsons Mill, outside Selma.
240-year-old operating grist mill. Tours
(919) 965-3547

Bentonville Battleground, Four Oaks.
Site of N.C.'s largest land Civil War battle
(910) 594-0789

Blount-Bridgers House, Tarboro.
1808 plantation home includes the Hobson Pittman Memorial Art Gallery.
(252) 823-4159.

Boyette-Slave and School House, Kenly.
Historic, one-room log house
(919) 284-3431

Buck Spring Plantation, Warrenton.
Home of early political leader
(252) 257-3640

Gov. Charles B. Aycock Birthplace, Fremont.
8oyhood home of state's "Education Governor," including 19th-century farmstead, 1893 schoolhouse and modern visitors center
(919) 242-5581
ww2.esn.net/~oycock/

College View Historic District, Greenville.
An early 20th century neighborhood
(252) 329-4487

CSS Ram Neuse State Historic Site and Richard Caswell Memorial, near Kinston.
Restored remains of Neuse ironclad vessel
(252) 522-2091

East Carolina Village of Yesteryear, Greenville.
Agricultural life of the area from 1840-1940. On county fairgrounds
(252) 329-4200

Grifton Depot, Grifton.
1920 railroad depot
(252) 524-5169

Harmony Hall, Kinston.
Once owned by 1770s Gov. Richard Caswell
(800) 869-0032

Heritage Place, Kinston.
Lenoir Community College
(252) 527-6223

Historic Albemarle Tour.
(800) 734-1117

Historic Halifax.
Restored buildings, film, exhibits and tours of the town that spawned America's independence in 1776
(252) 583-7191

Historic Jackson.
(252) 534-3811

Historic Tarboro.
(252) 823-4159

Bentonville Battleground, Newton Grove.

Historic Warren County.
Brochures available
(252) 257-3114
www.worrencountync.org

Johnston County Heritage Center, Smithfield.
(919) 934-2836

Mount Olive Historic District.
Listed on National Register of Historic Places
(919) 658-3113

Roanoke Canal Trail, Roanoke Rapids.
Seven miles along early 19th century canal
(800) 522-4282

Robert Lee Humber House, Greenville.
Contains eastern office of state Division of Archives and History
(252) 830-6580

Selma Railroad Depot.
Historic Amtrak station
(919) 965-9841

Stonewall Manor, Rocky Mount.
1830 plantation house with furnishings
(252) 972-5080

Tarboro Historic District & National Recreation Trail.
(800) TARBORO

Waynesborough Village, Goldsboro.
19th-century village, includes family home, medical office, one-room school, law office and Quaker Meeting House
(919) 731-1653
www.wcpl.org/woynesborough.htm

Willow Oak Cemetery, Goldsboro.
Mass grave of 800 Civil War soldiers, both Confederate and Union
(919) 734-2245

ARTS AND CULTURAL

Arts Council of Wayne County, Goldsboro.
(919) 736-3300

Arts Council of Wilson.
(252) 291-4329

Boykin Cultural Center, Wilson.
(252) 291-4329

Community Council for the Arts, Kinston.
Galleries, studios, historic district
(252) 527-2517

Dunn Center for the Performing Arts, Rocky Mount.
(252) 985-5428

"First For Freedom," Halifax.
Outdoor drama about the Halifax Resolves
(800) 522-4282

Independence Station, Halifax.
Co-op gallery of crafters and artisans
(252) 583-2278

Kinston Bluegrass Association.
(252) 527-1066

Lakeland Cultural Arts Center, Littleton.
Year-round dinner theater
(252) 586-3124

Paramount Theatre, Goldsboro.
(919) 734-4511

Playhouse Community Theater, Rocky Mount.
(252) 972-1441

Pitt County Arts Council.
(252) 757-1785

Rocky Mount Arts Center.
(252) 972-1163
www.ci.rocky-mount.nc.us/artscenter/

Wellington B. Gray Gallery, Greenville.
African art objects
(252) 328-6336

MUSEUMS

Ava Gardner Museum, Smithfield.
All about the legendary actress and county native
(919) 934-5830
www.ovogardner.org/

Caswell Center Museum and Visitors Center, Kinston.
(252) 559-5125

Caswell No. 1 Fire Station Museum, Kinston.
(252) 527-1566

Cherry Hospital Museum, Goldsboro.
Depicts more than a century of history, with photos, log books, medical and farming equipment
(919) 731-3483

Children's Museum, Rocky Mount.
(252) 972-1167

Country Doctor Museum, Bailey.
(252) 235-4165

Fremont Heritage Museum.
History of Fremont, with photos, local business ledgers, farm tools, railroad collection
(919) 734-2245

Greenville Museum of Art.
Features 19th and 20th century American art and the state's largest public collection of Jugtown Pottery
(252) 758-1946
www.greenvillemuseum.org/

Grifton Historical Museum, Grifton.
Pre-historic and Tuscarora Indian artifacts
(252) 524-5168

Imagination Station, Wilson.
Hands-on science museum geared to children
(252) 291-5113

May Museum and Park, Farmville.
May family artifacts and large quilt collection
(252) 753-5814

Spring Hope Historical Museum.
(252) 478-3213

Tobacco Farm Life Museum, Kenly.
(919) 284-3431

Wayne County Museum, Goldsboro.
(919) 734-5023
www.historicolwoynenc.com

Wilbur A. Tyndall Tractor Museum, Pink Hill.
(252) 568-3261

WILDLIFE AREAS

Clemmons State Forest, Clayton.
Educational forest
(919) 553-5651

Howell Woods, Wayne County.
(919) 938-0115

Medoc Mountain State Park, Halifax County.
2,287 acres, picnicking, canoeing, camping
(252) 445-2280

Waynesborough State Park, Goldsboro.
142 acres
(919) 734-2245
http://ils.unc.edu/porkproject/ncporks.html

The South Coast

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Bald Head Island Information Center.
(800) 234-1666
www.boldheodisIond.com

Cape Fear Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau (Wilmington, Carolina Beach, Kure Beach, Wrightsville Beach).
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www.cope-feor.nc.us

Greater Hampstead.
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Greater Jacksonville-Onslow.
(910) 347-3141

Greater Topsail Area (Surf City, Topsail Beach, North Topsail Beach, Sneads Ferry, Holly Ridge).
(800) 626-2780

N.C. Brunswick Islands, Shallotte.
(800) 795-7263
www.ncbrunswick.com

N.C. Ferries.
(800) BY-FERRY
www.ncferry.org

Onslow County Tourism (Topsail Island, Swansboro, Jacksonville, Holly Ridge, Sneads Ferry, Richlands, Camp Lejeune, MCAS-New River, Surf City).
(800) 932-2144
www.onslowcountytourism.com

Pender County (Burgaw).
(910) 259-9817
www.burgownc.org/

Pleasure Island (Carolina Beach, Kure Beach, Fort Fisher).
(910) 458-8434

South Brunswick Islands, Shallotte.
(800) 426-6644 /(910) 754-6644
www.sbichomber.com

Southeastern Welcome Center, Inc.
(910) 754-2505

Southport-Oak Island.
(800) 457-6964/(910) 457-6964
www.southport-ockisland.com

Southport Visitor Center.
(800) 388-9635

Swansboro.
(910) 326-1174

ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

Brunswick EMC (Shallotte, Whiteville, Oak Island, Bolivia).
(910) 754-4391

Four County EMC (Burgaw, Elizabethtown, Rose Hill).
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http://oirliegordens.wilmington.org

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(800) 676-0162
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(800) BYFERRY

Fort Fisher State Recreation Area.
(910) 458-5798
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Greenfield Park, Wilmington.
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www.ci.wilmington.nc.us/ps&f/greenfield_pork.html

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Jubilee Amusement Park, Carolina Beach.
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www.jungleropids.com

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(910) 458-5524

Lynwood Park Zoo, Jacksonville.
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New Hanover County Arboretum, Wilmington.
(910) 452-6393
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North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher.
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Tote-Em-In Zoo, Wilmington.
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www.toteeminzoo.com

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(910) 763-1785

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(910) 458-5356
www.winnerboots.com

Wrightsville Beach Scenic Cruises.
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Bald Head Island Lighthouse.
Accessible by ferry
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www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sectians/hs/brunswic/brunswic.htm.

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Odell Williamson Auditorium, Brunswick Community College, Supply.
(910) 754-3133

Opera House Theatre Company, Wilmington.
(910) 762-4234

Pender County Arts Council, Burgaw.
(910) 259-2151
www.burgawnc.arg/

Racine Center for the Arts, Wilmington.
(910) 452-2073
www.racinecenter.cam

Thalian Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Wilmington.
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www.thalianhall.cam

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www.nhcgav.cam/cfm

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http://latimer.wilmington.org

Louise Wells Cameron Museum of Art, Wilmington.
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www.cameranartmuseum.com

Museum of Coastal Carolina, Ocean Isle Beach.
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N.C. Maritime Museum of Southport.
(910) 457-0003

Onslow County Museum, Richlands.
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(910) 259-9817

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(910) 254-3534

The Wilmington Railroad Museum.
(910) 763-2634
www.wilmingtan.arg/railraad

Wrightsville Beach Museum of History.
(910) 256-2569
www.wilmington.arg/wbmuseum

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www.duplincounty.org/taurism.htm

Elizabethtown-White Lake.
(910) 862-4368

Fair Bluff.
(910) 649-7202

Fayetteville Area.
(910) 483-8133
www.fayettevillenc.net

Fayetteville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau.
(800)255-8217/(910) 483-5311
www.visitfayettevillenc.com

Fayetteville Historic Resources Commission.
(910) 433-1612

Fayetteville Partnership.
(910) 483-2073

Greater Chadbourn.
(910) 654-3445

Greater Whiteville.
(800) 538-2449/(910) 642-3171

Hope Mills.
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Kenansville Area.
(910) 296-2180

Lumberton Visitors Bureau.
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www.i95travel.com

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Red Springs.
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Saint Pauls.
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Spring Lake.
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(910) 653-2031

Wallace.
(910) 285-4044

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(910) 293-7804

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(910) 486-0221
www.fayettevillenc.com/batanicalgarden/

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Town Square
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Cape Fear Regional Theatre, Fayetteville.
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Cumberland County Coliseum Complex, Fayetteville.
(910) 323-5088

Gilbert Theatre, Fayetteville.
(910) 678-7186

North Carolina Folk Arts Festival, St. Pauls.
First Saturday in May
(910) 865-4026

N.C. Indian Cultural Center, Pembroke.
(910) 521-2433

Spring Lake Little Theater, Fayetteville.
(910) 323-2686

UNC-Pembroke and American Indian Resource Center, Pembroke.
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www.apexchamber.com

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(919) 733-3456

Cary.
(919) 467-1016

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(919) 967-7075
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Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau.
(888) 968-2060/(919) 968-2060
www.chacvb.org

Chatham County Tourism.
(800) 316-3829
www.visitchathamcaunty.cam

Durham Convention and Visitors Bureau.
(919) 680-8320/(800) 446-8604
www.durham-nc.cam

Franklin County.
(919) 496-3056
www.franklin-chamber.org

Fuquay-Varina Area.
(919) 552-4947
www.fuquay-varina.cam

Garner.
(919) 772-6440

Granville County Chamber.
(919) 693-6125/(919) 528-4994.
www.granvillecauntyanline.cam

Greater Durham Chamber.
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www.durhamchamber.org

Greater Raleigh Chamber.
(919) 664-7000
www.raleighchamber.org

Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau.
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Hillsborough Area.
(919) 732-7741

Holly Springs Town Hall.
(919) 552-6221

Knightdale Chamber.
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www.knightdalechamber.cam

Morrisville.
(919) 380-9026

Rolesville Town Hall.
(919) 556-3506

Roxboro Area Chamber/Person County.
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www.raxbaronc.cam

Vance County Tourism (Henderson).
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www.kerrlake-nc.cam

Wake Forest Area.
(919) 556-1519

Wendell.
(919) 365-6318

Zebulon.
(919) 269-6320

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Piedmont EMC (Hillsborough, Roxboro).
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www.ci.henderson.nc.us

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South River EMC (Dunn, Stedman, Anderson Creek).
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Barges Tavern, Fayetteville.
(910) 433-1612

Cool Spring Tavern, Fayetteville.
(910) 433-1612

Cross Creek Cemetary, Fayetteville.
(910) 433-1612

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Heritage Square, Fayetteville.
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Isaac Hammand Gravesite, Fayetteville.
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Kyle House, Fayetteville.
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Liberty Hall Plantatian, Kenansville.
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(910) 433-1612

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(910) 296-1000

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(910) 486-1330
www.visitfayettevillenc.com/cape_fear.htm

Robeson County Histarical Showcase Museum, Lumbertan.
(910) 738-7979

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(910) 590-0007

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Lake Waccamaw State Park, Columbus Caunty.
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www.discavercolumbus.org/statepark.htm

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(919) 733-7417

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www.historichillsborough.org

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(919) 733-4994
www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/capitol/

Oakwood Historic District, Raleigh.
400 private homes from 19th century
(919) 834-0887

Raleigh Little Theatre.
(919) 821-4579
www.mindspring.com/~rollittletheotre

Ruffin-Roulhac House, Hillsborough.
Early 19th century house, once owned by Chief Justice Thomas Ruffin
(919) 732-2104

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The Old Well at UNC Chapel Hill.

Historic Stagville, Durham.
Center for the study and teaching of preserving wooden buildings
(919)477-9835
www.ah.dcr.nc.us/sections/do/stagville/default.htm

Historic Uptown Roxboro.
Listed on the National Register of Historic
(336) 599-0918
www.roxboromag.com/Facts/olmonoc.html

The Horace Williams House, Chapel Hill.
Weekly trolley tour April-November
(919) 942-7818
www.chopelhillpreservation.com

Mordecai Historic Park, Raleigh.
(919) 834-4844

Wakefield/Joel Lane House, Raleigh.
Oldest home in Raleigh
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ARTS AND CULTURAL

African-American Cultural Complex, Raleigh.
Exhibits contributions to the state and nation
(919) 212-3598

ArtsCenter, Carrboro.
Performances, concerts, dancing, art
(919) 929-2787
www.corrboro.com/ortscenter/artscenter.html

Artspace, Raleigh.
Gallery with artists' studios
(919) 821-2787
http://ortspoce.citysearch.com/1.html

Best of Broadway Theatre Series, Raleigh.
Raleigh Memorial Auditorium
(919) 834-4000

Carolina Ballet, Raleigh.
(919) 719-0800
www.carolinoballet.com

Carolina Theatre, Durham.
Film festivals to live performances
(919) 560-3040
www.carolinatheatre.org/

Carolina Union Performing Arts Series, Chapel Hill.
Live performances, concerts, dance
(919) 962-1449
www.unc.edu/depts/union

Cedar Creek Craft Gallery, Creedmoor.
(919) 528-1041

Duke University, Durham.
(919) 684-2323
www.duke.edu

Durham Arts Council.
Three art galleries and home to 18 arts organizations
(919) 560-2787
www.durhomorts.org

Hayti Heritage Center, Durham.
Located in St. Joseph's African Methodist Episcopal Church, the center represents cooperation between blacks and whites, serves as a performance venue and displays visual-arts exhibitions
(800) 845-9835
www.hoyti.org

International Whistler's Convention, Louisburg.
(919) 496-1191

Kirby Auditorium, Roxboro.
Restored historic movie house hosts live theatre, dance, concerts
(336) 597-1755

"North Carolina Belongs to Children" mural, Raleigh.
Created by James Converse Biggers, a native-born African American artist and his adviser, John Thomas Biggers, north lobby of the Legislative Building
(919) 733-4111

Murals at N.C. Central University, Durham.
Uses imagery from the Adinkra language of the Ashanti people of West Africa, located in the lobby of the Jones Building
(919)560-6391

North Carolina Collection Gallery, Chapel Hill.
Exhibits on N.C. history and University of North Carolina history
(919) 962-1172
www.lib.unc.edu/ncc/gollery.html

North Carolina State University, Raleigh.
(919) 515-2011
www.ncsu.edu

North Carolina Symphony, Raleigh.
(919) 733-2750
www.ncsymphony.org

North Carolina Theatre, Raleigh.
(919) 831-6941
www.nctheatre.com/

Playmakers Repertory Company, Chapel Hill.
(919) 962-7529
www.ploymakers.unc.edu

Tar River Festival, Louisburg.
(919) 496-3056

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
Self-guided tours
(919) 962-1630
www.unc.edu

MUSEUMS

Blue Heaven Basketball Museum, Chapel Hill.
Dedicated to Tar Heel basketball
(919) 929-5877
www.blueheovenmuseum.com

Carolina Memorabilia Room, Chapel Hill.
Dean E. Smith Center
(919) 962-7777
www.smithcenter.unc.edu

Frank H. Kenan Football Center Hall of Honor, Chapel Hill.
(919) 966-2575

Ackland Art Museum, Chapel Hill.
919) 966-5736
www.ocklond.org

Chapel Hill Museum.
(919) 967-1400

Duke University Museum of Art, Durham.
(919) 684-5135
www.duke.edu/web/dumo

Exploris, Raleigh.
World's first global experience center
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www.exploris.com

Granville County Museum, Oxford.
(919) 693-9706

Henderson Institute Museum.
Opened in 1891 to educate African-American teachers
(252) 438-7392

North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh.
State-funded art museum
(919) 839-6262
www.ncortmuseum.org

North Carolina Museum of History, Raleigh.
(919) 715-0200
http://ncmuseumofhistory.org

North Carolina Museum of Life and Science, Durham.
Premier museum for children in the Triangle
(919) 471-4294
www.ncmls.org

North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, Raleigh.
Focuses on natural history and environment of North Carolina
(919) 733-7450
www.noturolsciences.org

Orange County Historical Museum, Hillsborough.
Depicts lifestyles from the time of the Indians through the Civil War era
(919) 732-2104

Person County Museum of History, Roxboro.
1860 doctor's office, 1893 general store, Eno Slaughter baseball memorabilia
(336) 597-2884
www.esinc.net/personcomuseum

Raleigh City Museum.
Exhibits on the city's history
(919) 832-3775

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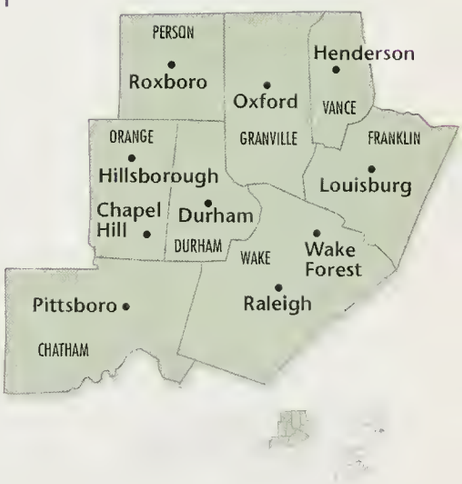
www.dfr.stote.nc.us/esf/jordan_loke_esf.htm

William B. Umstead State Park, Raleigh.
(919) 571-4170
www.ils.unc.edu/porkproject/visit/wium/home.html



Artspace, Raleigh

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The Sandhills

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Angier.
(919) 639-2500

Convention and Visitors Bureau for the Village of Pinehurst, Southern Pines and Aberdeen Area.
(800) 346-5362/(910) 692-3330
www.homeofgolf.com

Dunn Area Tourism Authority.
(910) 892-3282
www.dunntourism.org

Erwin Area.
(910) 897-7300

Laurinburg/Scotland County Area.
(910) 276-7420

Lillington Area.
(910) 893-3751

Montgomery County.
(910) 572-4300
www.uwhorrie-forest.org

Raeford-Hoke.
(910) 875-5929

Richmond County Chamber, Rockingham.
(800) 858-1688/(910) 895-9058
www.richmondcountychomber.com

Sandhills Area Chamber.
(910) 692-3926

Sanford Area.
(919) 775-7341

Yadkin-Pee Dee Lakes Project.
(704) 422-3215

PARKS AND RECREATION

Bicycle routes around Moore County.
Rentals, maps available, competition/tours
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Carolina Horse Park at Five Points, Hoke County.
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Home of American Golf, Pinehurst/Southern Pines.
Area includes mare than 46 golf caurses
(910) 692-3330

N.C. Speedway, Rockingham.
Major NASCAR races
(910) 582-2861

Pinehurst Harness Track, Pinehurst.
Circa-1915 track af 110-plus acres listed in National Register, races, pala matches
(800) 433-TROT

Rockingham Dragway, Rockingham.
(910) 582-3400

Sandhills Horticultural Garden, Pinehurst.
Includes largest hally garden an East Coast, roses, conifers, rhodedendran and azaleas; native wetland trail and farmal English garden
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Southern Pines Reservior Park.
Trails cannected with other vicinity trails to provide more than faur miles of hiking and biking trails
(910) 692-2463

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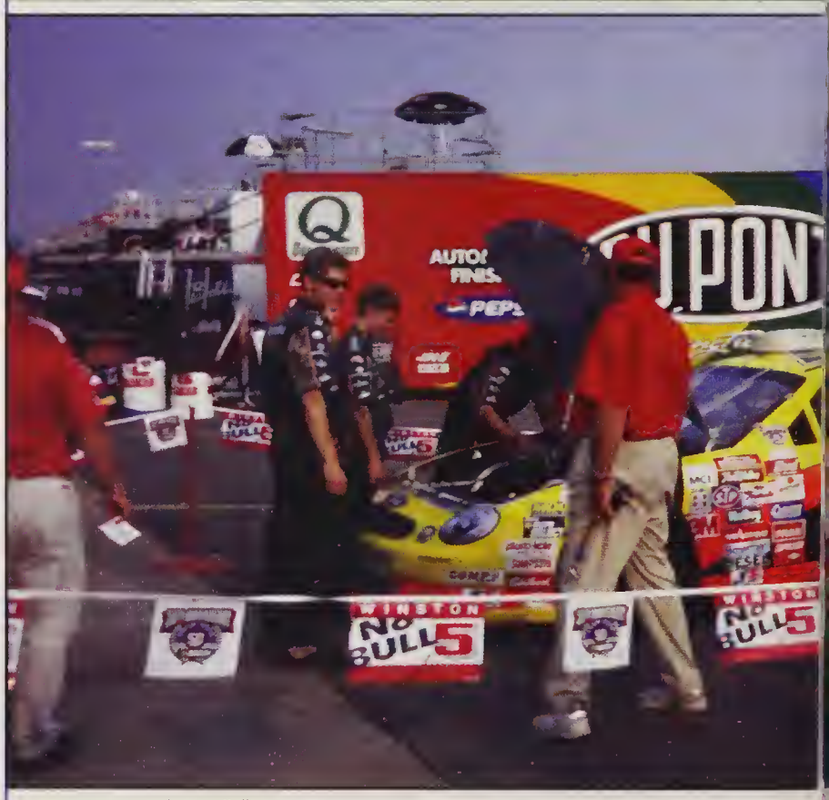
(704) 422-3215



Driving venues in the Sandhills.

HISTORICAL

Averasboro Civil War Battleground and Museum.
March 1865 military actian, highlights Lebanan, a plantation home used as a Confederate haspital, and the Chicora Cemetery where the battle dead are buried
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Bethesda Church and Cemetery, Aberdeen.
1790 historic church
(910) 944-1319

Bryant House & McLendon Cabin, Carthage.
Historic praperties depicting early county life
(910) 947-3995

Cameron Historic District.
(910) 245-3697

Historic Summerville Presbyterian Church, Harnett County.
Built in 1845-1846.
(910) 893-4620

The House in the Horseshoe State Historic Site, near Sanford.
Calanial plantatian hame
(910) 947-2051

The Howard House, Dunn.
On the Natianal Register af Historic Places
(910) 892-1981

Malcolm Blue Farm and Museum, Aberdeen.
Antebellum farm an Natianal Register af Historic Places
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Shaw House, Southern Pines.
1840 Antebellum hame af sturdy simplicity
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Town Creek Indian Mound State Historic Site, near Mt. Gilead.
500-year-ald burial site
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Tufts Archives, Pinehurst.
James Walker Tufts' dream af Pinehurst displayed
(910) 295-3642

Union Station, Aberdeen.
Featuring railraad exhibits fram the Aberdeen and Rackfish Railraad
(910) 944-5902

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Historic hame hasts N.C. Literary Hall af Fame
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(336) 625-5177

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MUSEUMS

General William C. Lee Airborne Museum, Dunn.
Early 20th century Neaclassical Revival hause was hame ta "the father af the American Airbarne"
(919) 892-1947

Harnett County Indian Museum, Kipling.
(910) 552-2336

Kelly's Classic Autos, Pinebluff.
(910) 281-0104

Mount Gilead Museum.
(910) 439-5111

National Railroad Museum and Hall of Fame, Hamlet.
Railraad memarabilia
(910) 582-3337

Rankin Museum of American Heritage, Ellerbe.
Traces humankind's adaptatian ta enviranment
(910) 652-6378

ARTS AND CULTURAL

Campbell House, Southern Pines.
Hame af Arts Cauncil, manthly an-going exhibits, Railraad Club, Sauthern Pines Recreatian
(910) 692-4356

Cole Auditorium, Hamlet.
(910) 582-7150

Eleazer, Bluegrass in the Uwharries.
(336) 857-2974

Midland Crafters.
Sells the wark af many American craftspeaple
(910) 295-6156

North Carolina Pottery Center, Seagrove.
Histary and exhibits af NC patters
(336) 873-8430

Sandhills Women's Exchange, Pinehurst.
Handmade baked gaads and American crafts
(910) 295-4677

Sunrise Theater, Southern Pines.
Sandhills Theater Campany, classical cancerts, film festival, children's theater, family series, special perfarmances
(910) 692-3611

WILDLIFE AREAS

Lake Tillery, Badin Lake, Troy, Badin.
Fishing, canaeing, camping, hiking, picnic areas

Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge, Hwy. 52 north of Wadesboro.
(704) 694-4424

Raven Rock State Park, Lillington.
Hiking, harseback riding, canaeing, fishing, camping, picnicking
(910) 893-4888

Sandhills Gamelands.
Mare than 30,000 acres in Richmand, Scatland cauntïes
(919) 281-3917

Uwharrie National Forest/Birkhead Wilderness Area, N.C. 24/27, west of Troy.
Ancient mauntains, Badin Lake, trails, hike, bike, harseback riding, camping.
(910) 576-6391
www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc/

Weymouth Woods Nature Preserve, Southern Pines.
600 acres af natural area, plus hiking trails
(910) 692-2167

Yadkin-Pee Dee River Trail.
233-mile Class I trail
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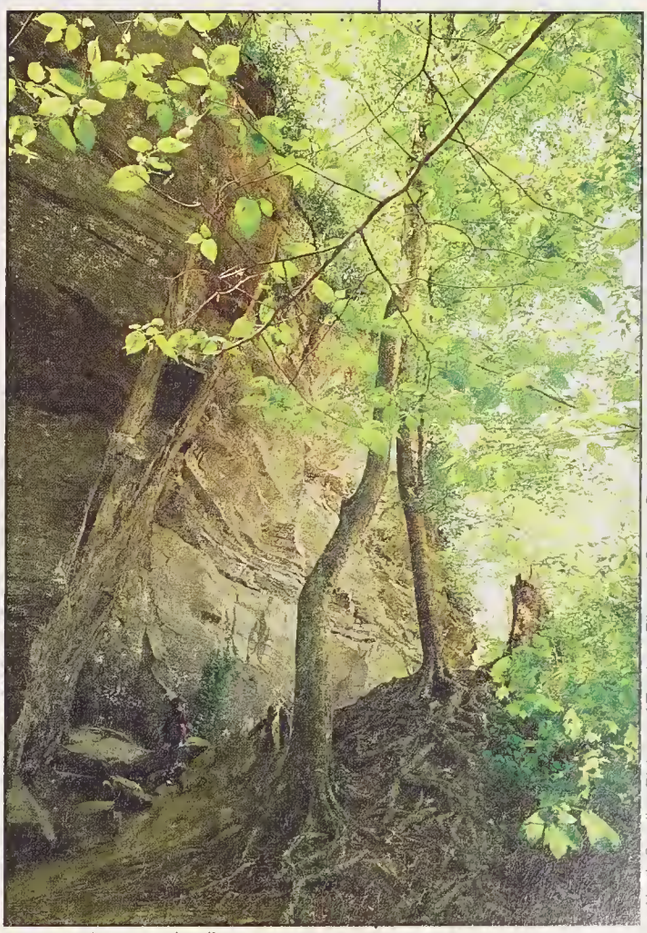

Raven Rock State Park, Lillington

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The Piedmont Triad

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Asheboro/Randolph Chamber.
(336) 626-2626
www.chomber.osheboro.com

Asheboro/Randolph County Tourism.
(336) 626-0364
www.visitrondolph.org

Burlington/Alamance County Convention and Visitors Bureau.
(800) 637-3804/(336) 570-1444
www.burlington-areo-nc.org

Caswell County.
(336) 694-6106

Davidson County.
www.dovidsoncountync.com

Davie County.
(336) 751-3304

Denton Area Chamber.
(336) 859-5922

Eden.
(336) 623-3336

Elkin-Jonesville Chamber.
(336) 526-1111
www.ejochomber.com/

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(800) 576-0231
ww.visitmoyberry.com

Greensboro Area Chamber of Commerce.
(336) 275-8675

Greensboro Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.
(800) 344-2282/(336) 274-2282
www.greensboronc.org

High Point.
(336) 889-8151

High Point Convention and Visitors Bureau.
(800) 720-5255/(336) 884-5255
www.highpoint.org

Kernersville.
(336) 993-4521

King Chamber.
(336) 983-9308
www.kingnc.com

Lexington Convention and Visitors Bureau.
(336) 236-4218
www.visitlexingtonnc.org

Liberty Chamber.
(336) 622-4937

Piedmont Triad Visitor Center.
(800) 388-9830/(336) 388-9830
www.news-record.com/discover/

Reidsville.
(336) 349-8481

Thomasville Area.
(336) 475-6134/(800) 611-9907

Western Rockingham.
(336) 548-6248

Winston-Salem Convention and Visitors Bureau.
(800) 331-7018/(336) 728-4200
ww.visitwinstonsolem.com

Winston-Salem Visitor Center.
(800) 331-7018/(336) 777-3796

Yadkin County.
(336) 367-7251

Yadkin-Pee Dee Lakes Project.
(704) 422-3215.

ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

EnergyUnited (Statesville, Mocksville, Cornelius, Taylorsville).
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(336) 249-3131

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Randolph EMC (Asheboro, Robbins).
(336) 625-5177

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(336) 386-8241

HISTORICAL

Alamance Battleground State Historic Site, Burlington.
Site of the battle that ended the Wor of the Regulotion
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Loke Mocintosh
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Former home of Gov. John Motley Morehead
(336) 272-5003

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Historic gold refinery
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www.costlemcculoch.com

Colonial Heritage Center & Hoskins House at Tannenbaum Historic Park, Greensboro.
Features restored Revolutionory Wor house
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Cedarock Historical Working Farm & Park, Burlington.
414-ocre park ond working farm
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Charlotte Hawkins Brown Memorial State Historic Site, Sedalia.
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www.oh.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/hs/chb/chb.htm

Chinqua-Penn Plantation, Reidsville.
1920s country monor filled with eclectic ort
(336) 349-4576
www.chinquopenn.com/

Edwards-Franklin House, Surry County.
1799 plontotion house museum of Surry County Historical Society
(336) 786-8359

Gazebo, Trinity.
Londmark for the city ond birthplace of Duke University

Gertrude Smith House, Mount Airy.
1902 Victorian home
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Cotton mill complex ond ossociated worker housing community built between 1880-1882
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Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, Greensboro.
Site of on importont Revolutionory War battle, 220 ocres of trails
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www.nps.gov/guco

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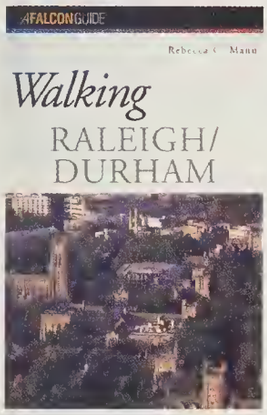
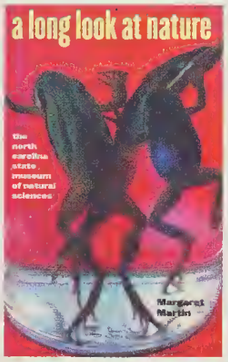


This guide, by Rebecca C. Mann, is for those who like to take to the streets. Here the terrain ranges from downtown urban haunts to lush nature settings, both within walking distance of one another. From the pedestrian pleasures of Chapel Hill to the secret gardens of the Triangle, this practical guide offers safe, pleasure treks for the day-walker. Page 66 features one of our most prized state treasures: Krispy Kreme donuts (Person St., Raleigh).

Available at bookstores or direct from The Globe Pequot Press, 246 Goose Lane, P.O. Box 480, Guilford, CT 06437 for $11.95. Call (800) 962-0973 or visit www.globe-pequot.com.

"A Long Look at Nature" examines the history of natural science in North Carolina.



Did you know that the whale skeleton mounted in the lobby of the Museum of Natural Science in Raleigh is nicknamed, "Trouble?" Or that the museum's famous python, "George," came from Vietnam with a sergeant from Fort Bragg? Find these and other interesting facts in the book "A Long Look at Nature," which details the natural history documentation in our state, beginning in 1879. Past and present curators of the museum give insight into the impact the museum has had on educating the public on nature.

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Click the "Plan a Trip" bar for links that contain helpful information on ticket prices, hiking permits, lodging, weather, biking trails and more. Especially useful is the FAQ page that serves as a quick reference to plan a visit to Grandfather Mountain. You can also call (828) 733-2013 or write Grandfather Mountain, P.O. Box 129, Linville, NC 28646.

Who needs a time machine?

At picturesque 18th century Latta Place/Latta Plantation Nature Preserve in Huntersville, costumed performers re-create plantation life right in front of your eyes. Latta Plantation offers horseback riding, fishing and barn yard anilmals. Call for admission prices and special events: (704) 875-2312 or visit www.lattaplantation.org.

Carolina beach kayak tours

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Country Doctor Museum in Bailey

photo by Talena Chavis

The only museum in the world dedicated to honoring the country doctor, these four buildings house $3.5 million worth of artifacts, including the original medical tools used to remove Stonewall Jackson's arm. Tour guides highlight unusual procedures in the medical industry (leeches!) that are still used today. The museum, which opened in 1967, places great emphasis on doctors and nurses that came from rural areas of our state. Visit the Art of Nursing building and glimpse the history of nursing in North Carolina.

Open Tuesday- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., admission $3, children under 12 $1, and seniors $2. Call (252) 235-416

Recent Travel Guides to North Carolina

To start you off on some "down home" adventures, we've compiled a list of recently published guides to traveling in North Carolina. Some take you on a photographic tour, others focus on destinations, lodging, restaurants and entertainment. This list is not comprehensive, so we encourage you to seek out regional guides at travel information centers, online or at your local bookstore.

The Official 2002 Travel Guide to North Carolina

N.C. Division of Tourism, Film, and Sports Development. 176 pages, free. (800) VISIT-NC or www.visitnc.com

North Carolina Golf Guide 2002

N.C. Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development. 65 pages, free. (800) VISIT-NC or www.visitnc.com

Calendar of Events 2002

N.C. Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development. 56 pages, free. (800) VISIT-NC or www.visitnc.com

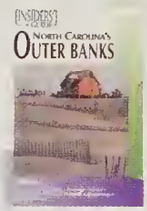
North Carolina Scenic Byways

N.C. Dept. of Transportation, 2002. 143 pages, free. (919) 733-2920 www.doh.dot.state.nc.us/operations/dp_chief_eng/roadside/scenic

Coasting the Mountains

Edited by Judy Barnes, Carolyn Lee Goodloe, Jolane Edwards & Laurel Wilson. Pelican Publishing Company, May 2001. Paperback, 208 pages. $15.95. (800) 843-1724 or www.pelicanpub.com

Insiders' Guide to North Carolina's Outer Banks



Edited by Linda LauBy and E. M. Corsa.. Insider's Publishing, 2002. Paperback, 504 pages. $17.95. At bookstores or (800) 765-2665.

North Carolina's State Historic Sites

By Gary L. McCullough. John F. Blair Publishing, 2001. Paperback, 96 pages. $12.95. (800) 222-9796 or www.blairpub.com

Road Biking North Carolina

By Judi Lawson Wallace. Globe Pequot Press, 2002. 424 pages, $14.95. (800) 243-0495 or www.globe-pequot.com

Fodor's North Carolina 2002

By Shelia Turnage, photographed by Jim Hargan. Fodor's Travel Publications, 2002. Paperback, $21.95. Includes detailed maps and a review of local hotels and restaurants. At bookstores or www.fodors.com

Insider's Guide to North Carolina's Southern Coast and Wilmington,

Edited by Deborah Ellis Daniel and Bill Dinome. Insider's Publishing, 2002. Paperback, 428 pages. $15.95. At bookstores or (800) 765-2665

60 Hikes within 60 Miles: Raleigh

By Lynn Setzer. Menasha Ridge Press, 2001. Paperback, 224 pages. $15.95. (800) 247-9437 or www.menasharidge.com

North Carolina: Off the Beaten Path

By Sara Pitzer. Globe Pequot Press, 2000. Paperback, 192 pages. $12.95. (800) 243-0495 or www.globe-pequot.com

Insiders' Guide to North Carolina's Central Coast and New Bern

Edited by Vina Hutchinson-Farmer & Amanda Dagnino. Insider's Publishing, 2002. Paperback, 424 pages. $14.95. At bookstores or (800) 765-2665.

Great Adventures in North Carolina

By Lynn Setzer. Menasha Ridge Press, 2001. Paperback, 224 pages. $15.95. Activities range from high-adrenaline to low-key for the tender foot. (800) 247-9437 or www.menasharidge.com

Romantic North Carolina

By Lisa Dellwo & Jessica Philyaw. John F. Blair, 2001.Paperback, 146 pages. $10.95. 300 romantic rendezvous hand-picked by two North Carolina natives. (800) 222-9796 or www.blairpub.com

Hiking the Great Smoky Mountians

By Rodney Albright and Priscilla Albright. Globe Pequot Press, 1999. 160 pages. $10.95. (800) 243-0495 or www.globe-pequot.com

Guide to North Carolina Historical Highway Markers

Edited by Michael Hill. N.C. Division of History & Archives, Historical Publications Section, 2001. 217 pages, $14 plus $3.50 shipping. (919) 733-7442

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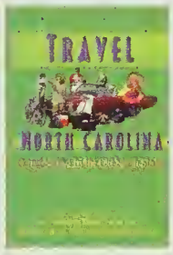

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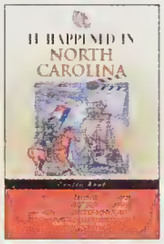

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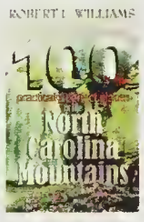

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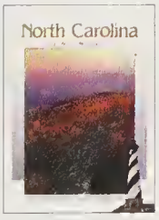

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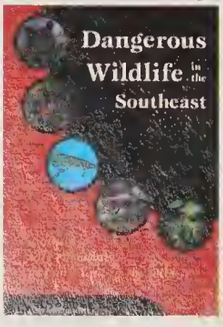

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www.lowesmotorspeedway.com

Cotton Patch Gold Mine, New London.
Gold-panning mine apen ta the public
(704) 463-5797

Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, Belmont.
(704) 825-4490
www.stowegorden.org

Dan Nichols Park, Salisbury.
(704) 636-2089

Freedom Park, 1900 East Blvd., Charlotte.
(704) 336-2884

Lake Norman.
(704) 333-7547

Lazy 5 Ranch, Mooresville.
Wagan rides, animals
(704) 663-5100

Paramount's Carowinds, I-77 on N.C./S.C. border.
Theme park
(800) 822-4428/(704) 588-2600
www.carowinds.com

UNC-Charlotte Botanical Gardens.
(704) 687-2870
http://gordens.uncc.edu/visiting.htm

Uwharrie Lakes Region Scenic Byways.
(704) 422-3215

James K. Polk Memorial, Pineville.
(704) 337-2000

Josephus Hall House, Salisbury.
(704) 636-0103

Kings Mountain National Military Park.
Site af majar Revalutianary War battle
(704) 867-1181
www.nps.gov/kimo/

Latta Place/Latta Plantation Nature Preserve, Huntersville.
1800s plantatian house and grounds
(704) 875-2312
http://www.lottoplontotion.org/

HISTORICAL

Andrew Jackson Memorial, Waxhaw.
(704) 283-6886

Belmont Abbey, Belmont.
Once the anly abbey cathedral in the natian, on National Histaric Registry
(704) 825-6890

Boggan-Hammond House, in historic Wadesboro.
(704) 694-4181

Charlotte Trolley, Inc.
(704) 375-0850

Downtown Salisbury.
(704) 637-7814

Heritage Park, Cherryville.
(704) 435-3451

Hezekiah Alexander Homesite, Charlotte.
Oldest standing dwelling in Mecklenburg Caunty
(704) 568-1774

Monroe Historic Downtown District.
(704) 292-1705

Reed Gold Mine, Stanfield.
First dacumented gald mine in the United States
(704) 721-4653
www.oh.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/hs/reed/reed.htm

Rowan Museum/Utzman Chambers House/Old Stone House, Salisbury.
(704) 633-5946

Salisbury Heritage Tour.
Audio walking tour
(800) 332-2343

Salisbury National Cemetery.
Canfederate prisan and national cemetery
(704) 636-2661
www.gorowon.com/salisburyprison/

Union County Courthouse and Heritage Room, Monroe.
(704) 283-3500

Village of Gold Hill, eastern Rowan County.
Interpretive displays, trails, shaps, food in historic buildings
(704) 279-1632

Historic Fourth Ward, Charlotte.
Self-guided tour af Uptown Charlatte
(704) 376-0105

Waxhaw Historic District.
(704) 283-6886

Mint Museum of Art, Charlatte

West Badin Historic District.
A planned community estoblished in 1912 far the employees af an aluminum-reduction plant
(704) 422-3470

ARTS AND CULTURAL

Afro-American Cultural Center, Charlotte.
Multi-disciplinary arts orgonizatian
(704) 374-1565
www.oocc-Charlotte.org

Charlotte Repertory Theatre.
(704) 333-8587
www.charlotterep.org/

Charlotte Symphony Orchestra.
(704) 332-0468

Children's Theatre of Charlotte.
Perfarmances and classes
(704) 333-8983

Christmas Town USA, McAdenville.
Entire town displays millians af lights
(704) 824-3190
http://users.unet.net/sronkin/

George A. Batte Jr. Fine Arts Center, Wingate University.
(704) 233-8300

JAARS, Waxhaw.
Technical service arm far Wycliffe Bible Tronslatars and the Summer Institute af Linguistics
(704) 843-6000

JS Pottery, Lowell
Pottery demanstrotions, handcrafted items
(704) 824-2483

Jesse Helms Center, Wingate.
(704) 233-1776

Meroney Theatre, Salisbury.
(704) 633-5471

Murals, Charlotte Convention Center.
All Africon-American North Caralina artists
(704) 339-6100

Oakboro Music Hall.
(704) 485-2112

Opera Carolina, Charlotte.
(704) 332-7177

Oratorio Singers of Charlotte.
(704) 332-0468

Romare Bearden Mural, Charlotte.
"Befare Dawn," pointed by African American artist ond native Narth Corolinian, lacated in the uptown public library
(704) 336-2725
www.plcmc.lib.nc.us/

Spirit Square Center for the Arts, Charlotte.
Uptawn Charlotte's premier arts center
(800) 922-6431/(704) 372-1000

Union County Community Arts Council.
(704) 283-2784

University of North Carolina at Charlotte.
Brachure with mop ot the infarmatian baath inside the N.C. 49 entronce
(704) 687-2000
www.uncc.edu

Waterworks Visual Arts Center, Salisbury.
Regianal exhibits, sensory gorden
(704) 636-1882
www.waterworks.org

MUSEUMS

American Military Museum, Gastonia.
Exhibits include weapans and medol displays
(704) 866-6068

C. Grier Beam Truck Museum, Cherryville.
One af anly three truck museums in the cauntry
(704) 435-3072

Charlotte Museum of History.
Artifacts af lacol and regianol history
(704) 568-1774
www.chorlottemuseum.org

Cherryville Historical Museum.
Locol histary from early 1800s
(704) 435-8011

Cherryville Railway Museum.
Depot with toy troins, replicos of ald buildings
(704) 435-8011

Discovery Place, Charlotte.
Honds-an science ond technology museum
(800) 935-0553/(704) 372-0471
www.discoveryploce.org/

Gaston County Museum of Art and History, Dallas.
Largest public collectian af horse-drawn vehicles in the state
(704) 922-7681

Memory Lane Motorsports & Historical Automotive Museum, Mooresville.
(704) 662-FORD

Mexico Cardenas Museum, Waxhaw.
(704) 843-6000

Mint Hill Country Doctor's Museum.
Coll for times
(704) 545-9726

Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte.
Permonent and changing exhibits
(704) 337-2000
www.mintmuseum.org/

Museum of the Alphabet, Waxhaw.
Explores oncient alphabets fram araund the world
(704) 843-6000

Museum of the Waxhaws, Waxhaw.
Regianal history from 1650-1900
(704) 843-1832

Nature Museum, Charlotte.
Specially designed far small children
(800) 935-0553/(704) 372-6261

North Carolina Transportation Museum/Historic Spencer Shops, Spencer.
(704) 636-2889/(877) 628-6386

Oakboro Regional Museum of History.
(704) 485-3612

Schiele Museum of Natural History, Gastonia.
Mast frequently visited museum in the state
(704) 866-6900
www.schielemuseum.org

Stanly County Historical Museum and Snuggs House Museum, Albemarle.
(704) 986-3777

WILDLIFE AREAS

Crowders Mountain State Park, US 29/74, between Gastonia and Kings Mountain.
(704) 853-5375.

Dan Nicholas Park and Eagle Point Nature Preserve at High Rock Lake, near Salisbury.
Nature center, trails, family-oriented activities
(704) 636-2089.

McDowell Nature Preserve, Off N.C. 49 south.
McDawell County's largest park
(704) 588-5224

Morrow Mountain State Park, N.C. 740, near Albemarle.
Camping, hiking, canaes, horsetrails, swimming
(704) 982-4402

Uwharrie National Forest/Birkhead Wilderness Area, N.C. 24/27, east of Albemarle.
Ancient mountains, Badin Lake, hiking/biking trails, camping
(910) 576-6391
www.cs.unco.edu/nfsnc/

Wing Haven Gardens and Bird Sanctuary, Charlotte.
(704) 331-0664

Yadkin-Pee Dee River Trail.
233-mile class I trails
(704) 422-3215

Catawba Foothills

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Alexander County.
(828) 632-8141

Burke County Travel & Tourism (Morganton).
(828) 433-6793/(888) 462-2921
www.hci-net/~bcttc

Catawba County.
(828) 328-6111

Cleveland County Chamber.
(704) 487-8521
www.clevelandchamber.org

Cleveland County Economic Development Commission, Shelby.
(704) 484-4999
www.clevelandcounty.com

Hickory Metro CVB.
(828) 322-1335
www.hickorymetro.com

Greater Statesville.
(704) 878-3480/(877) 531-1819
www.visitstotesville.org

Hickory Nut Gorge.
(828) 625-2725

Kings Mountain-Branch of Cleveland County Chamber.
(704) 739-4755

Lincolnton-Lincoln County.
(704) 735-3096
www.lincolncounty.org

McDowell Chamber.
(828) 652-4240

McDowell Tourism Development Authority, Marion.
(888) 233-6111/(828) 652-1103
www.mountointreosures.net

Mooresville Travel & Tourism Authority.
(704) 799-2400/(877) 661-1234

Old Fort Chamber.
(828) 668-7223/(888) 233-6111
www.oldfort.org

Polk County Chamber.
(828) 859-6236

Polk County Visitors Center, Tryon.
(800) 440-7848
www.nc-mountoins.org

Rutherford County Chamber.
(828) 287-3090

Rutherford County Tourism Development.
(800) 849-5998/(828) 286-1110
www.rutherfordtourism.com

ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

Blue Ridge EMC (Lenoir).
(828) 754-9071

EnergyUnited (Statesville, Mocksville, Cornelius, Taylorsville).
(704) 873-5241

Rutherford EMC (Forest City, Morganton, Crouse).
(828) 245-1621

HISTORICAL

Bunker Hill Covered Bridge, Claremont.
One of two in N.C.
(828) 465-0383

Emerald Village, Little Switzerland.
Authentic mining equipment in underground mine
(828) 765-6463
www.emeraldvillage.com

Fort Dobbs, Statesville.
N.C. Historic Site
(704) 873-5866
www.oh.dcr.stote.nc.us/sections/hs/dobbs/dobbs.htm

Green River Plantation, south of Rutherfordton.
1804 house open by reservation
(828) 286-1461
www.green-river.net/

Historic Carson House, Marion.
Early 19th century house of family who gave townsite
(828) 724-4948

Historic Downtown Kings Mountain.
District on Nationol Register of Places, includes historic murals
(704) 739-4755

Historic Downtown Mooresville.
(704) 664-3898
www.downtownmooresville.cam

Historic Downtown Saluda.
(800) 440-7848
www.soluda.com/

Historic Downtown Statesville.
(704) 878-3436

Kings Mountain National Military Park, entrance in Cleveland County.
Where the battle that marked the end of the Revolutionory Wor wos fought
(864) 936-7921

Ledbetter House, Marion.
Tours of 1826 house, antique quilt collection
(828) 738-9798

Maple Grove and Propst House, Hickory.
Open by appointment
(828) 322-4731

Murray's Mill, Catawba.
Restored family grist mill
(828) 465-0383

Newton Historic District.
Includes Cotawba County Museum of History
(828) 465-7400

Old Burke County Courthouse, Morganton.
Focol point of Historic District, contoins Heritage Museum
(828) 437-4104

Old Fort Arrowhead Monument.
Built in 1756, 30-foot tall, honors peoce between pioneers ond Notive Americans
(828) 668-7223

Overmountain Victory Trail.
Historic troil from Virginia to South Carolino
(888) 233-6111
www.ovto.org

Polk County Courthouse, Columbus.
Built in 1857
(800) 440-7848

Quaker Meadows Plantation, Morganton.
Restored McDowell family brick house
(828) 437-4104

Shelby Historic District.
Walking tour
(704) 481-1842

Trail of Faith, Valdese.
Woldensian heritoge portrayed through 15 monuments and buildings; guided tour
(828) 874-1893/(800) 635-4778

PARKS AND RECREATION

1919 Herschell-Spillman Carrousel, Shelby.
Fully restored, operotionol corrousel with music provided by on ontique bond orgon
(704) 484-6476
http://users.vnet.net/carrousel

Andrews Geyser, Old Fort.
Monument ond picnic area
(828) 668-7223

Apple Hill Orchard, Morganton.
More than nine vorieties. Tours, gift shop, homemode apple cider
(828) 437-1224

Bottomless Pools, Lake Lure.
Natural area in Hickory Nut Gorge
(828) 625-8324

Bradley Falls/Little Bradley Falls.
I-26 Saluda exit
(800) 440-7848

Broad River Greenway. Boiling Springs.
Recreational woter activities, hiking, bicycling and horse troils
(704) 434-2357
www.broadrivergreenway.com

Brown Mountain Lights, Overlook on Hwy. 181N, Morganton.
Visible on cleor nights
(828) 433-6793/(888) 462-2921

Catawba River Canoe Trips.
From Morgonton
(828) 437-7016/(888) 462-2921

Chimney Rock Park, near Bat Cave.
View of Lake Lure ond Blue Ridge Mountains, plus recreation areas
(800) 277-9611
www.chimneyrockpark.com

Dale's Market, Morganton.
In continuous use since 1900
(888) 462-2921

Duke Power State Park, Lake Norman.
(704) 528-6350

Foothills Equestrian Nature Center, Tryon.
Hiking and riding troils in 300-acre preserve
(800) 440-7848

Green River Cove, Saluda.
Runs from Saluda to Lake Adger; swimming, tubing, kayoking ond other outdoor activities
(800) 440-7848

Hickory Crawdads.
Minor league baseball
(800) 488-3237

Hickory Furniture Mart.
(828) 322-3510

Hickory Motor Speedway.
NASCAR track
(828) 464-3655

H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life & Conference Center, Kings Mountain.
(704) 734-0447

Jake Early Complex-YMCA-Playground, Kings Mountain.
Ball fields, wolking track, pool
(704) 730-2103

Kings Mountain State Park.
Camping, bridle trails, hiking, fishing, swimming
(803) 222-3209

Kouris Warehouse, Shelby.
Colonial revival warehouse home to the Farmers' Market
(704) 484-4999

Lake James State Park, Nebo.
Campsites, picnic areas, hiking, fishing, swimming
(828) 652-5047

Lake Lure Tours.
Guided boat tours
(828) 625-0077

Linville Caverns, Between Linville and Marion.
Massive limestone caves
(828) 756-4171
www.linvillecaverns.com

Marcia H. Cloninger Rail Trail, downtown Lincolnton.
Lighted and landscaped walking trail
(704) 736-8980

Moss Lake, Kings Mountain.
Water sports, fishing
(704) 482-7926

Old Fort Mountain Music.
Every Friday evening in downtown Old Fort
(828) 652-1103

Orchard at Altapass, Blue Ridge Parkway.
Century-old working apple orchard
(828)765-9531
www.altapassorchard.com

Pacolet River Scenic Byway.
Scenic drive on Highway 176 from Tryon to historic Saluda. Pearson's Falls; 90-foot waterfall near Saluda
(828) 749-3031

River's Edge Guide Service.
Fly fishing guides specializing in back country trips for trout
(828) 765-2658

Saluda Grade, between Saluda and Tryon.
Steepest standard gauge mainline railroad grade in U.S. Adjacent Hwy. 176 is a state Bicycle Highway
(800) 440-7848

South Mountains State Park, Connelly Springs.
(828) 433-4772

Thomas Wolfe's Angel, Old Fort.
Lost in a poker game, sits in Old Fort cemetery
(828) 668-7223

ARTS AND CULTURAL

Alva Theatre, Morganton.
First in Burke County to show "talkies"
(828) 433-6793

Arts and Science Center of Catawba Valley, Hickory.
(828) 324-4906

Cleveland County Arts Center, uptown Shelby.
In 1916 post office
(704) 484-2787
www.ccortscouncil.org

"From This Day Forward," Valdese.
Outdoor drama. Story of Waldensian people. Exhibits on adjacent site
(800) 743-8398

Globe Theater, Alexander Mills.
Like Shakespeare's
(800) US-GLOBE

Hiddenite Center, Hiddenite.
1914 mansion, gems, art, dolls
(828) 632-6966

Hiddenite Gems, Hiddenite.
"Gem Capital of the World"
(828) 632-3394

Joy Performance Center, Kings Mountain.
(704) 730-9408

Lincoln Cultural Center, Lincolnton.
Museum of history, performance hall, art galleries
(704) 739-9055

McDowell Arts & Crafts Assn, Marion.
(828) 652-8610
www.mcdowellnc.com/MACA

Sen. Sam Ervin Jr. Library, Morganton.
At Western Piedmont Community College
(828) 438-6000

Tryon Fine Arts Center.
(828) 859-8322
www.tryonfoc.org/

Upstairs Gallery, Tryon.
Non-profit contemporary art space
(828) 859-2828

MUSEUMS

C. Grier Beam Truck Museum, Cherryville.
(704) 435-3072

Children's Museum of Iredell County.
(704) 872-7508

Cleveland County Historical Museum, Shelby.
(704) 482-8186

Iredell Museum of Arts and Heritage, Statesville.
(704) 873-4734

Kings Mountain Fire Department Historical Museum.
(704) 734-0555

Kings Mountain Historical Museum.
(704) 739-1019

Lincoln County Museum of History, Lincolnton.
(704) 732-9055

Memory Lane Motorsports & Historical Automotive Museum, Mooresville.
(704) 662-FORD

Mountain Gateway Museum, Old Fort.
Pioneer museum
(828) 668-9259

N.C. Auto Racing Hall of Fame, Mooresville.
(704) 664-3898

N.C. Mining Museum, Little Switzerland.
Authentic mining equipment and exhibits
(828) 765-6463

N.C. Museum of Minerals, Little Switzerland.
National Park Service museum
(828) 765-2761

Old Fort Railroad Museum, Old Fort.
Historic depot, railroad and train exhibits
(828) 668-7223

Polk County Historical Museum, Tryon.
In the historic train depot
(800) 440-7848

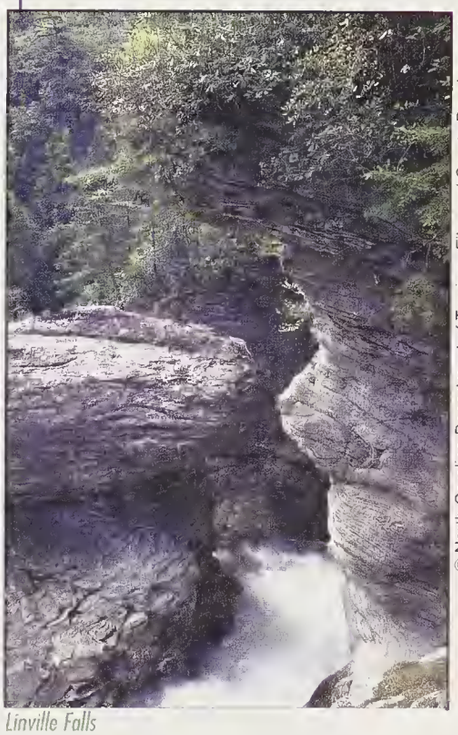
Rutherford County Farm Museum, Forest City.
(828) 248-1248

Waldensian Museum, Valdese.
Focus on early Italian settlers of the area. Sundays, April-October
(828) 874-2531

WILDLIFE AREAS

Crowder's Mountain State Park, Kings Mountain.
(704) 867-1181
www.ils.unc.edu/parkproject/visit/crmo/home.html

Linville Gorge.
Wilderness area in Pisgah National Forest
(828) 652-2144
http://ncnatural.com/Resources/Adventure/Gorge/Linville-Gorge.html



Linville Falls

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TRAVEL INFORMATION

Alleghany County Chamber.
(800) 372-5473
www.sparta-nc.com

Ashe County.
(800) 343-2743
www.oshechomber.com

Avery/Banner Elk.
(800) 972-2183

Beech Mountain Chamber of Commerce.
(800) 468-5506
www.beechmtn.com

Blowing Rock.
(828) 295-7851
www.blowingrock.com

Blue Ridge Parkway.
(828) 271-4779
http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/

Boone Convention & Visitors Bureau.
(800) 852-9506
www.visitboonenc.com

Caldwell County.
(828) 726-0616

Glendale Springs (Ashe County).
(800) 342-2743
http://glendalesprings.com

High Country Host.
Travel and accammadatians infarmatian
(800) 438-7500
www.mountoinsofnc.com

Mitchell County, Spruce Pine.
(828) 765-9483/(800) 227-3912
www.mitchell.county.com/north-corolino.

Mountain Information Centers, Asheville.
(828) 258-4662

Wilkes County.
(336) 838-8662
www.wilkesnc.org

Wilkesboro.
(336) 838-3951
www.wilkesboronc.com

North Wilkesboro.
(336) 667-7129
www.north-wilkesboro.com

ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

Blue Ridge EMC (Lenoir, Boone West Jefferson, Sparta).
(828) 758-2383

MUSEUMS

Appalachian Cultural Museum, Boone.
At Appalachian State University
(828) 262-3117
www.museum.oppstate.edu

Caldwell Historical Museum, Lenoir.
(828) 758-4004/(828) 758-1496

HISTORICAL

Ashe County Cheese Company, West Jefferson.
Landmark attractian
(336) 246-2501

Fort Defiance, Caldwell County.
Hame af Gen. William Lenair family, an site af a late 18th century fart in Yadkin Valley
(828) 726-0616

Glendale Springs Inn.
Welcaming guests far mare than 100 years
(336) 982-2103

Hickory Ridge Homestead, Boone.
18th-century living history museum, next ta "Harn in the West"
(828) 264-2120

Historic Wilkesboro.
(336) 667-3712
www.wilkesboro.com/wwt0.htm

Old Wilkes Jail, Wilkesboro.
1860 jail ance held Tam Daaley. Walking taur
(336) 667-3712
www.wilkesboro.com/wwt0.htm

Mast General Store, Valle Crucis.
A legend since 1883
(828) 963-6511

Moses Cone Estate, Blowing Rock.
At Blue Ridge Parkway MP 292. 3,500-acre estate with carriage trails far harses and walking. Includes Flat Tap Manar, Parkway Craft Center
(828) 295-7938

Patterson School, Caldwell County.
Historic baarding schaal and 1,400-acre graunds including Chapel af Rest, historic church and cemetery
(828) 758-2374

Pinebridge Inn (Old Harris School), Spruce Pine.
Built in 1920s
(800) 356-5059

Todd General Store, Ashe County.
Established 1914
(336) 877-1067

Whippoorwill Academy and Village, Ferguson.
Historic schaalhause, Tam Dula Museum, Daniel Baane cabin replica, Matt's General Stare, the Smakehause Gallery, Chapel af Peace, and athers
(336) 973-3237
www.wilkesnc.org/tourism/Tour/whippoorwill.htm

ARTS & CULTURAL

An Appalachian Summer, Boone.
Arts and culture festival at Appalachian State University
(828) 264-2120/(800) 841-ARTS

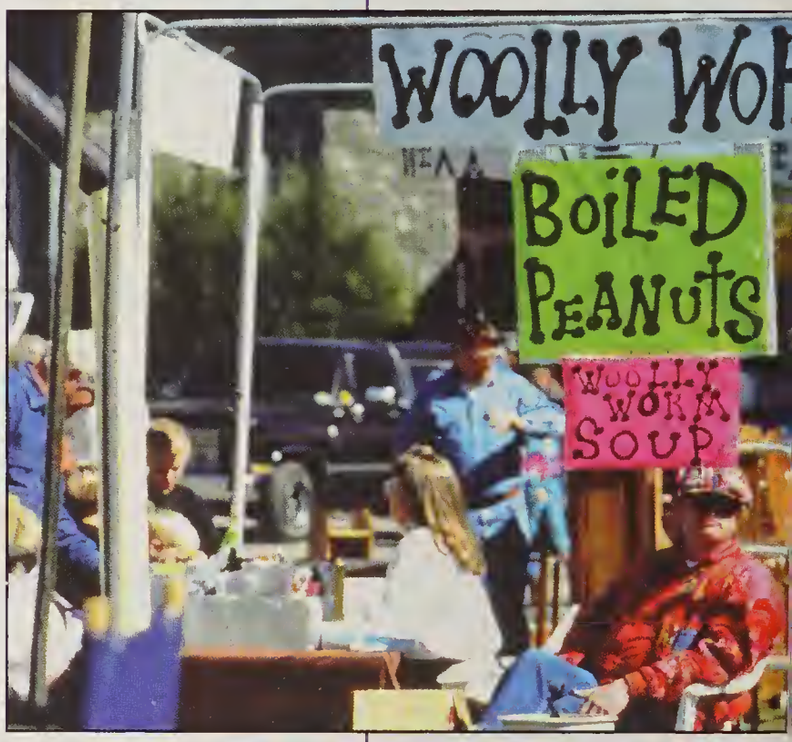
Blowing Rock Stage Company.
The prafessianal theatre of the High Cauntry.
June-August at Blawing Rack Arts Center
(828) 295-9627
www.blowingrockstoge.com

Brushy Mountain Apple Festival.
First Saturday in October
(336) 667-3322
www.opplefestivol.net

Buffalo Creek Weavers, Warrensville.
(336) 384-1371
www.doubleweove.com

Elkland School Art Center, Todd, Ashe County.
(336) 877-5016

"Horn in the West," Boone.
Outdaar drama abaut the Daniel Baane periad
(828) 264-2120



Art by Johannes A.S. Oertel, Lenoir.
In St. James Episcapal Church
(828) 754-3712

Art in the Park, Blowing Rock.
Juried arts and crafts in summer
(828) 295-7851

Ashe County Arts Center.
(336) 246-ARTS
www.oshecountyorts.org/

Ashe County Civic Center.
Performing arts
(336) 246-4483
www.oshecivic.com/

Ashe County Frescoes, outside West Jefferson.
At St. Mary's Episcapal Church
(336) 982-3076

Kid Mountain, Burnsville.
Park/playgraund far kids
(828) 682-7413

Merle Watson Festival, Wilkesboro.
Nationally-knawn music festival held in April at Wilkes Cammunity College
(800) 343-7857
www.merlefest.org

Penland School, near Spruce Pine.
Crafts schaal since 1929. Gallery and taurs
(828) 765-6211

Singing on the Mountain, Grandfather Mountain.
Outdaar gaspel cancert since 1930
(828) 733-4337

Summer Music, Blowing Rock.
Chamber Music Festival
(828) 295-3505

John A. Walker Center, Wilkesboro.
Performing Arts Center
(910) 838-7529
http://204.84.96.72/wcc/walker_center/walker_center.htm

Wilkes Playmakers, North Wilkesboro.
In Bentan Hall, local amateur theatre group
(336) 838-PLAY
http://caralinacarner.com/WilkesPlaymakers.htm

Wilkes County Art Gallery, Wilkesboro.
(336) 667-2841
www.narthwilkesbara.cam/wilkart.htm

PARKS & RECREATION

Appalachian Ski Mountain, Blowing Rock.
Ski resort
(800) 322-2373

This year's Waally Worm Festival in Banner Elk is Oct. 19-20

Ashe County Farmers Market.
(336) 246-2885

The Blowing Rock, off U.S. 321.
Viewing orea and gift shap
(828) 295-7111
www.blawingrack.cam

Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show.
One af the oldest outdoor shaws in the country
(828) 295-7851

Blue Ridge Parkway.
(828) 271-4779
www.nps.gav/blri/ncmap.htm and
www.blueridgeparkway.org

Daniel Boone Native Gardens, Boone.
Native plants
(828) 264-6390

Discover Carolina Upcountry.
Regianal infarmotion
www.theupcauntry.com

Fish and Game Management.
(828) 497-5201

Furniture Shopping, in Caldwell County.
37 dealers within 20 miles on U.S. 321
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www.rafting.com

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www.westernncattractions.com/santa.htm

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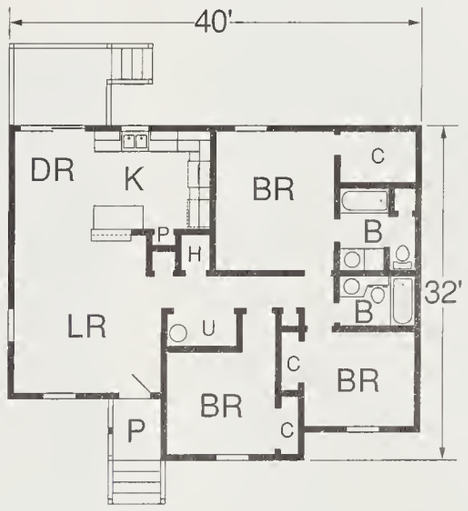

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Carolina Country Vacations

The best North Carolina vacation you ever had

Well I'd say the best North Carolina vacation I ever had was that spring when my wife and I came out of nowhere looking for good surf on the Eastern Seaboard and found the Outer Banks. Not only was the surf the best we'd seen, but so was just about everything else. We thought we'd about gone to heaven after Nags Head when we entered that stretch of virtually undisturbed ocean beach and realized it went on like that for more than 100 miles to Cape Lookout. You have to picture us as out-of-town vagabonds in an old beach wagon looking for shorebirds and shrimp, and finding glossy ibis, black skimmers, hushpuppies and right friendly people who watched the NBA finals on TV and pulled for the Los Angeles Lakers because James Worthy (from Gastonia and Carolina) was on the court. We came here to live as fast as we could.

Here are some reports of the best North Carolina vacations Carolina Country readers remember. More than 200 came to us. Looking through these stories, you come to realize that what makes a good vacation is some unexpected understanding you get when the vacation ends. You've seen some views that just opened your mind wider than it ever opened before, or you figure out finally that you will love your family forever. We're lucky to live in a place that opens our minds and our hearts just about every day, no matter where we go or who's with us or who's been there before us.

Thank you to all who sent stories to us. Look on page 57 to learn how to send more.

— *Michael Gery*

Riding into the sunset at Poco Rhythm Ranch

I first visited Poco Rhythm Ranch in Morganton in 1987 with the Charleston Air Force Group to go horseback riding in the mountains. We stayed in a lovely old log cabin, with a view of Table Rock and Lake James, and rode on some of the most beautiful trails in western North Carolina. By 1989, I'd relocated from Charleston to Charlotte and started spending weekends at the ranch.

"Welcome to our World," their brochure proclaimed, and it was another world — a world of horses and scenic trails. Spending weekends on horseback as a trail guide was just what I needed after a stress-filled work week managing an office. But it wasn't enough.

In 1990, I bid adieu to the corporate world and moved closer to the ranch. Two years later, surrounded by friends and family, I married the lead guide, James McCall, on the front porch of that old cabin on Burkemont Mountain, and we rode off into the sunset.

We McCalls don't guide trails anymore, but Poco Rhythm does, and we're proud to name the proprietors, A.J. and Juleigh Hodges, as dear, dear friends.

James and Karen McCall
Bostic
Rutherford EMC

In the backyard

We moved to our present location in June 1972. By 1980, I was divorced and trying to take care of three teenagers. We wanted and needed a vacation, and with very little money, things didn't look good. So being one who had always held our world together, I came up with a camping trip.

First part of the week, we worked after I got home from my job: we mowed all the grass, cleaned and got everything ready.

On Wednesday night, I parked my car and we started camping – in our backyard.

We head out from the cabin.

For the next three days we loafed, played games, kids rode their bikes, we ate hotdogs, hamburgers and other campout foods. For three days, no TV, no telephone, no dishes, no cleaning house, no cutting grass. At night we lit the oil lamps and candles, set in the floor and talked or played games. Due to rainy weather, we did sleep in our own beds. On Sunday we went to church. It was the first time since Wednesday that the car had moved.

We had our vacation, and after all these years we still remember it as one of our best.

Joanne Ragan
Davidson
EnergyUnited

The cabin in Whiteside Forest

During the summer of 1995, our daughter was a student at Western Carolina University. We wanted to vacation nearby and rented a cabin, sight unseen, in Cashiers for a week. The realtor warned us that the location was remote. That was music to our ears, because we were coming from overcrowded south Florida.

On arrival day, we pulled into Whiteside Forest, directions in hand. We drove a mile and a half through the woods down a narrow, winding dirt road and over a small, wooden bridge. As we pulled up to the cabin I cried out, "I'm in heaven!" There was our home for a week, nestled in deep woods beside a noisy, happy creek. Our week there was pure bliss, and departure

day was painful. But I knew we'd be back.

Our hearts stayed behind, and several months later, we bought property on the same creek, a half-mile from our vacation cabin. Our own cabin now greets us every chance we get. It is our sacred retreat in what we believe is the most beautiful spot on this earth. And six years later I still exclaim, "I'm in heaven," every time we arrive.

Nancy Probst
Greensboro
Haywood EMC

Across the state on Hwy. 64 (with some detours)

In March 2000, three friends and I took three copies of Jerry Bledsoe's 1986 book, "From Whalebone to Hot House," and followed Highway 64 as he did, only backwards. We started on Sunday, ate lunch at Asheville's Moose restaurant, then on to Cherokee. We rode the shuttle bus to Harrah's Casino and won no money. Then to Murphy's Hot House at the Tennessee line, then back to Cherokee for another night.

Next day we rode to Chimney Rock and Lake Lure, stopping at a few places or gazing at clouds, sunsets, whatever looked interesting at the time. We're glad our driver was careful. We three were looking in different directions yelling, "Look! Look! Look!" at the same time.

We visited several libraries. All were using the new slogan, "The very best place to start." It proved to be true, as they all were willing to recommend places to eat, stay and see. We stayed at Nags Head.

On our way home, we went to Currituck County library in Barco. They recommended Elizabeth City's Colonial Restaurant: good country meal.

We ended back home in Rockingham County on Saturday. Best vacation I ever had, and the others agreed.

Margaret Gann George
Mayodan
EnergyUnited

Taking the grandmas to the mountains

In October 2000, I took my husband's grandmothers, Gladys Dawkins and Peggy Samson, otherwise known as "Granny" and "MeMa," to Maggie Valley. Keep in mind that Granny was 84 and MeMa was 85 at that time. My grandmothers had passed away years before, and I considered them my grandmas.

We visited Cherokee, Harrah's Casino, Dillsboro, Sylva and Waynesville, and went to the Stomping Ground to watch the National Clogging Championship.

We visited Chimney Rock and Lake Lure on the way home. It still amazes me when I look at the pictures of these two 80-plus grandmothers sitting at the top of Chimney Rock with the American flag behind them. I thought it would be neat to call my in-laws at the beach and let their mothers talk to them from this mountaintop. They were both so excited while they talked on the phone.

I'm really glad I took them when I did. Their health now would not allow them to travel the distance and do all we did. It was a vacation I will never forget as long as I live.

Loria Dawkins
Rockingham
Pee Dee EMC

They called their families from Chimney Rock.

To Wrightsville Beach with Harley and the old car

In late August 1947, I was 18 years old, and Harley and I had been married less than a year. After our wedding we lived in Winston-Salem until Harley finished Barber College. That was the furthest I had ever been from home.

One beautiful Sunday morning, Harley asked me if I wanted to go to the beach. Of course I did! So we left Mocksville, where we lived at the time, and he drove about all day. I suppose we stopped for lunch, but I don't remember that. Harley stopped many times to add oil to the motor of his old car.

We arrived at Wrightsville Beach late that afternoon. The ocean and its white sandy beach was the most beautiful sight I had ever seen. I was a farmer's daughter who had never been on vacation. Daddy drove us "almost" to the mountains of North Carolina one time, but never even close to the beach.

Harley Kinley and Virginia Dare Lippard in 1947

We spent the night in a lovely room with white walls and furniture, pale green bedspread and pale green sheer curtains. I can still see the curtains blowing in the breeze at the open window. The only problem with the room was the twin beds. After all, we were practically newlyweds.

The next day we headed home, stopping several times to see the sights, and many times for motor oil. We had eaten a delicious supper the day we got there, breakfast before leaving the beach, but we ate baloney and bread on the way home. Apparently we were broke, or close to it.

We have been on many vacations since my first trip to the beach, but none has equaled that one. I will never forget the pale green and white room with the twin beds.

Virginia L. Kinley
Woodleaf
EnergyUnited

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Spending $10 million with Jay

In the summer of 1989, I found myself a single parent with the task of moving my sons from the home and kid-friendly neighborhood they loved to a cramped apartment. Finances were a concern and camp for the boys ranked above a vacation. The youngest had plans to attend a soccer camp, and in July he was off with his team for six days in South Carolina.

As soon as he left, it rained, turned cold and rained some more. My older son, Jay, and I both came down with a nasty virus. Miserably, we watched it rain for three days. On the fourth day of the monsoon, Jay returned from the mailbox with the news that we had won $10 million. Being mildly retarded means that once Jay decides on the truth, there is no altering his decision.

No explanation of contests would sway him. Jay was sure. So, with both of us on the mend, we decided to spend our rainy vacation planning for our millions. Jay's list amazes me even now. His list was far finer, nobler and kinder than mine. He remembered family members and friends first. He wanted special gifts for all he loved. He even wanted to pay one friend's back taxes. (He'd overheard her say she couldn't pay them.)

We spent the day nibbling crackers to ward off nausea and soothing our bruised souls with dreams. Even now, we laugh and fondly remember our "vacation."

Jay understands contests now, and I better understand the special gift of my child. A vacation is a respite from daily life. Jay's love gives me that every day.

Gail Medlin
Benson

In Inspiration Park with Dad

My father was a Baptist minister, and God has always been a big part of our life. About 11 years ago, he became sick and had multiple disabilities, so traveling long distances became very rare. But one Saturday last October we made this trip to The Inspiration Park in Bryson City for an all day gospel singing.

We got there about 11 a.m. and stayed until dark. The weather was cloudy, raining off and on, but never too hard. I will never forget the sight of my family together and the smile that was on my daddy's face. He never once complained. And anyone who knows my dad and what he has been through knows that he is the real inspiration.

If you ever want to get a glimpse of what Heaven must be like, drive to the Cherokee area of North Carolina mountains.

Teresa Chaney
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My parents, James and Peggy Chaney, singing at Inspiration Park.

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The Neuse River at Kennel's Beach

These memories are stored deep inside my heart, and they play back like a movie reeling inside my mind. One of my most vivid memories is of Kennel's Beach, N.C. As I sat at night on the pier that my dad and I had reconstructed after a hurricane damaged it, I started to realize how important this place on the Neuse River in Pamlico County had become to me.

I had become a river rat since Day One, when my dad and mom brought me to the river's waters. I learned to swim there, unlike city kids who were taught in public pools. The Neuse River has become my place of rest from activities in the regular year. I would run up and down the beach, talking to every adult and waving to every family.

As I sat there watching a sunset one time, while salty water dried on my lips and forehead, I stared across the river. My grandfather worked his whole life, I thought, just to give his family a place so they could enjoy their summers, and my father brought us to this place. If I get the opportunity, I am going to bring my children here to pass on the tradition. The river has become more than just a place to go. It is part of who I am.

Ben Summerlin, age 20
Lynchburg, Va.
Tideland EMC

Taking the kids to Raleigh

I'm a resident of Beaufort County for about nine years now, but I grew up in Raleigh and lived there until I married at age 23 in 1993. I had been back to Raleigh many times since I married, but not to "vacation" with my husband and two children, ages 2 and 4. We wanted a short getaway to some place with lots of things to do that wouldn't cost us a lot of money. We chose Raleigh, with its many museums and sites, most within walking distance of each other.

First, we visited the new Museum of Natural Sciences, which is wonderful and lots of fun. The dinosaur exhibit features life-sized dinosaurs with the sound and movement and lots of dinosaur facts. There were so many things to see and do at this museum that we could have easily spent the entire day here, but there were many other sites to see: other museums, the legislative building, the State Capitol — all so different when seen through the eyes of a 2-year-old and 4-year-old. We also played on the lawn of the Capitol and fed the pigeons. Another plus is that all of this was free as well as fun.

Then we chose from the many restaurants in Raleigh where on certain nights, kids eat free. We checked into a reasonable hotel which had an indoor pool. This was lots of fun since the kids had never swum inside before. Back in the room, we jumped on the beds, watched TV, ordered room service – all the fun things you can do at a hotel. And best of all, we didn't have to clean anything.

Raleigh has so much to offer, things that are educational as well as entertaining. It just goes to show you that vacations don't have to cost a lot or be taken far from home.

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Verdicts on the Latest and Greatest Technology

What's hot these days in PC technology? What's merely hyped?

With the caveat that this is at least somewhat subjective, here's a rundown of some of the latest and greatest gadgets, gizmos and gewgaws and a recommendation of which are worth opening your wallet for.

• CPUs. A superfast central processing unit can speed up processor-intensive tasks such as digitizing music or video. The latest chips from Intel, AMD (Advanced Micro Devices), and Motorola that I've tested deliver smaller improvements in such common activities as word processing and surfing the Web.

When buying a new computer, it's most cost-effective to opt for the "sweet spot" — a CPU one to three notches down from the top of the line — unless you absolutely need the slightly increased performance of the very fastest chips. Verdict: Qualified thumbs-up.

• Rewritable DVD drive. Rewritable optical drives are replacing other auxiliary storage media, including Zip and Jaz drives and in some cases tape backup drives.

CD-RW drives have dropped in price lately, the cost of the discs on a per-megabyte basis is less than other storage media, and unlike with tape backup drives, your data is quickly accessible. Those I've looked at are terrific for backing up data and burning audio CDs.

The just-released DVD+RW drives have seven to eight times the capacity as CD-RW drives and are faster than their predecessors, DVD-RW drives. They can do everything CD-RW drives do plus store business videos or home movies. I'm now testing a Hewlett-Packard DVD100i. Verdict: Thumbs up.

• Flat monitor. There are two different types of flat monitors: flat-panel displays (also called LCDs or liquid-crystal displays), and flat-screen monitors (also called flat-screen CRTs or cathode-ray tubes).

Flat-panel displays are thin screens commonly used with portable computers but lately available for desktop PCs as well. They take up less space and use less energy than their clunkier counterparts.

Flat-screen monitors, on the other hand, are the same TV-like screens that have traditionally come with desktop PCs, only their screens are flat and produce less glare and distortion than traditional curved screens.

Apple Computer once again pushed the technology envelope by recently announcing new iMacs that resemble desk lamps, with a flat-panel display attached to a small round base. The attractive futuristic-looking devices, which should be available shortly, are as much fashion statements as computing devices.

I was impressed with the flat panels from NEC and ViewSonic I've evaluated, though color fidelity wasn't as precise as with CRT monitors, which is typical. I've also been impressed with the flat-screen CRTs I've looked at, including one I'm testing now from HP, though as with LCDs you pay a premium for them. Verdict: Qualified thumbs up.

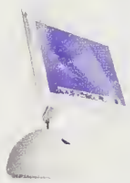
• Optical mouse. The latest computer pointing devices use light to track movement. I've evaluated optical mice and trackballs from Microsoft and Logitech. The benefits, according to the companies, are no skipping and jamming, no moving parts to clean or wear out, and no need for a mouse pad.

The devices worked well for me, though so have conventional $5 no-name mice. If an optical mouse comes with a new computer, it's a nice feature. But if you're replacing your current mouse, an optical mouse or trackball is probably not worth its premium price. Verdict: Thumbs down.

• Digital camera. Taking pictures with a filmless camera has many benefits over a traditional camera. With a color inkjet printer, you can immediately print out your images, or you can quickly import them into an image editing program to crop, color correct or otherwise improve them. There's a lot to be said for this combination of control and immediate gratification.

I've looked at a range of different types of digital cameras from different companies. If you intend to use the camera strictly for creating Web images or e-mailing photos, rather than creating prints, you can save money by opting for a lower-resolution model. Verdict: Thumbs up.

• Digital camcorder. If you have a huge amount of free time, consider buying a digital video camera. Used with a video editing program, these marvels of technology let you play the role of a Steven Spielberg.



iMac with flat panel display

Starting with raw footage, you can add titles, a soundtrack, and special effects, and most important, edit down scenes to keep your viewers from falling asleep. I've tested units from Sony and Canon and have had an easier time using them on a Mac than a PC.

Digital Camcorder from Canon

Digital moviemaking can be very time-consuming, though as with much else digital, very enjoyable. Verdict: Qualified thumbs up.

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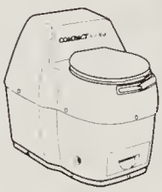

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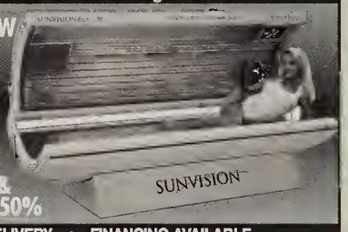

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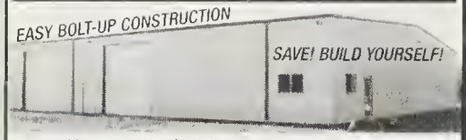
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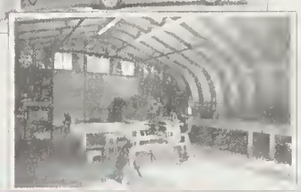
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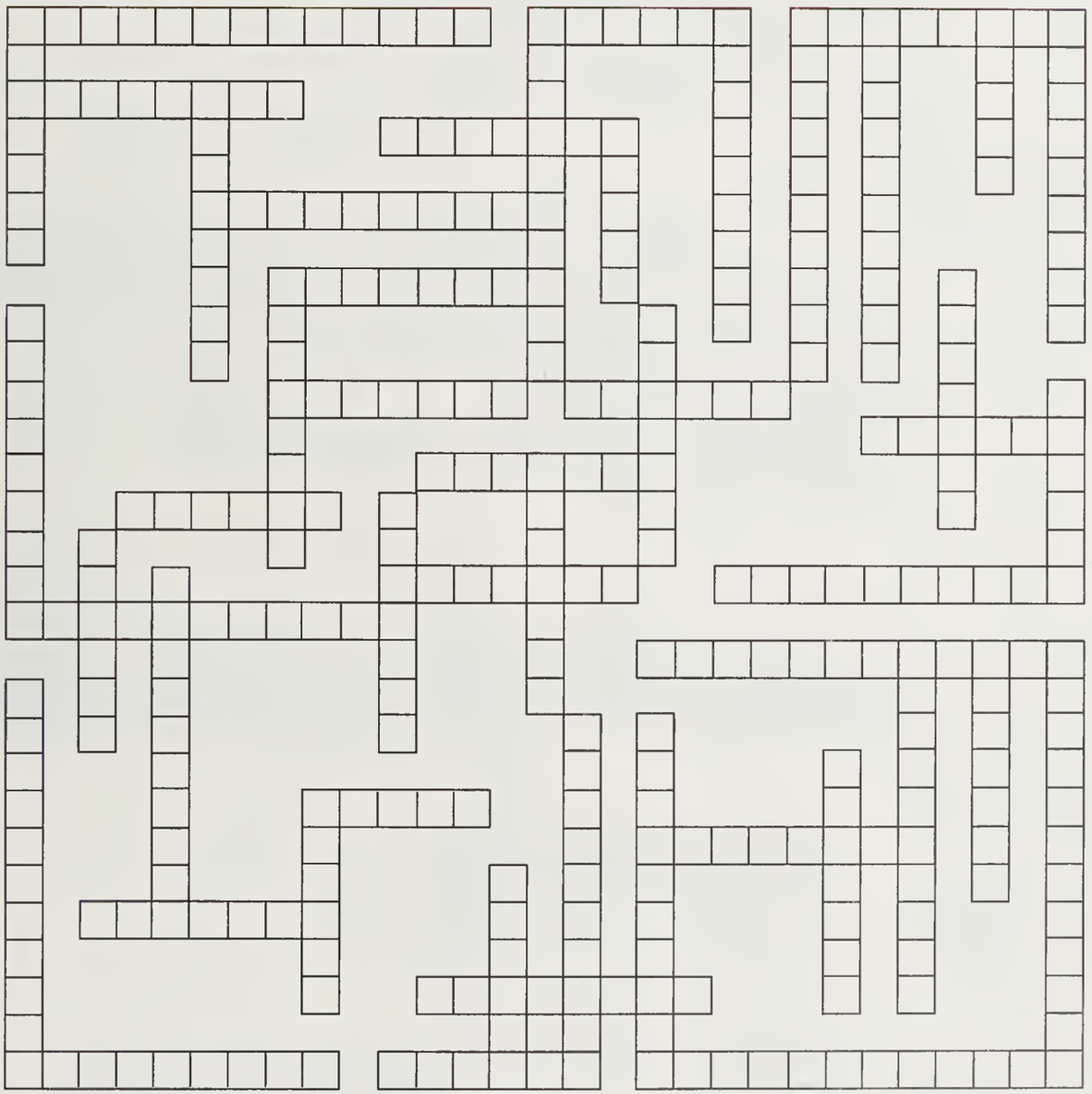

Like Raleigh, each of the 50 state capitals has a place of its own in this crisscross puzzle. Can you put them in their places? Careful! One mistake will lead to another.

A city with more than one word in its name is listed as one word.

After making an entry, scratch the name of that city from the list.

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SALEM

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7 LETTERS
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8 LETTERS
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11 LETTERS
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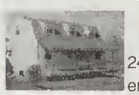
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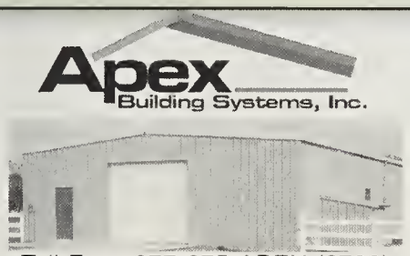

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By James Dulley

Adding a bay window to a large room can brighten it and make it seem larger. In a smaller area, such as a kitchen or breakfast nook, natural light enhances foods' colors and makes them look more appetizing. It might even help get your kids to eat their veggies.

The overall energy efficiency of adding a bay window depends on several factors: are you replacing an existing window? Do you rely on natural ventilation sometimes during the summer? Do you use electric lights in that room during the daytime? And, what is the quality of the window?

If you are replacing an old standard window, then almost any new bay window of the same size will be much more energy efficient. If you are going to cut a hole in an existing insulated wall or enlarge an existing window opening more than double its size, then the bay window may lose more heat because of conduction.

For rooms that require electric lights, the electricity savings from natural lighting may offset the heat losses through the glass. With the bay window's projection outdoors beyond the wall surface, it will effectively capture gentle breezes during the summer. This natural ventilation can lower your air-conditioning bills and reduce peak demand for the utility company.

Another option is a bow window. Bow windows consist of four or more glass sections that simulate a more rounded appearance than typical angle bays. Bay windows have three sections with the side sections typically angled at 30 or 45 degrees. Windows angled at 45 degrees provide better ventilation and a larger sill to use for sitting, plants, etc.

Your most economical and easiest-to-install option is a pre-assembled bay or bow window unit, as opposed to trying to build one from scratch using three or more separate window sections. A builder is usually required to install one from scratch, but most do-it-your-selfers can install a pre-assembled unit. Remove your current window, enlarge the wall opening to the specified size for your new unit, nail and screw it in place.

Almost any combination of window types is possible for a bay unit, but a large center picture window with casements on both sides is very popular and most efficient. The clear vertical casement glass span matches the picture window's height. Casements provide the best fresh air ventilation when opened and an airtight seal when closed.

Bay and bow window frames that use vinyl or aluminum-clad wood on the exterior are attractive and maintenance-free. The interior surface is usually natural wood that can be painted or stained, or special stainable vinyl. With simulated wood graining, the stained vinyl looks real and is also maintnance-free. For an elegant look, select a metallic-look finish that uses a cold spray process to fix real metal to the vinyl frame.

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Your choices of design features are almost endless. For energy efficiency, select a unit with rigid foam insulation built into the headboard and seatboard. Some super-efficient ones also have foam-filled frames and cavities.

Glass is the heart of any window for efficiency, comfort, glare control and fading resistance. For most climates, low-emissivity (low-e) glass with argon gas in the gap is the minimum to select. Glass with warm-edge technology (an insulating spacer separates the glass panes) is also a good choice. This saves energy year-round and reduces window condensation in cold climates during the winter.

Now that the basics are in order, your budget will determine your next options. Decorative glass (leaded, frosted, beveled, stained, etc.) can be attractive, particularly in the side sections. Several manufacturers also offer very attractive, but pricey, decorative metal roofs for bay and bow windows.

For privacy and glare control, built-in aluminum miniblinds are available. Various types of grids can be used with these blinds. Snap-on interior grids simulate true divided lights (actual separate small windows), but can be removed for easy cleaning. Also, you may consider a multipoint locking system for security from break-ins. Another option is motorized windows that can be opened with a remote control or closed automatically with rain sensors.

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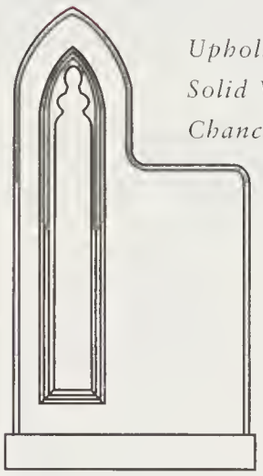

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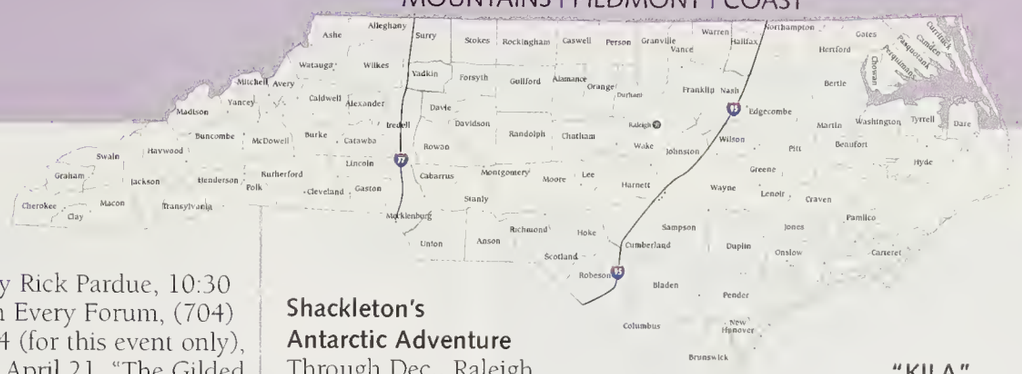

photographs and sound, Hanes Art Center, free
April 22, "Triassic Park: The Early Dinosaur-Age Fossils of NC," Mitchell Hall, free
7:30 p.m., (919) 962-2091

Davidson College
Ongoing events, Davidson
April 11, poetry reading Campbell McGrath, 7:30 p.m. C. Shaw Smith Room of Alvarez College Union
Through May 8, annual juried student art exhibit, Van Every Gallery,10-6 p.m., weekdays; Noon-4 p.m., weekends (704) 892-2244

African-American Artist: Malvin Gray Johnson
Through April 12, Durham
NC Central Museum, 9-5 p.m. Tues.-Fri., 2-5 p.m. Sunday
free, (919) 560-6211

Mint Museum of Art
Ongoing Exhibits, Charlotte
April 16, "An Excess of Creativity: 18th Century Vases"

The Chapel Hill Garden Club is putting on a show April 6-7 at Greenwood Gardens in Chapel Hill. Hours are Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sun., noon-4 p.m. Call (919) 962-0522 or visit www.maagcom.com/gardentour2002.

lecture by Rick Pardue, 10:30 a.m., Van Every Forum, (704) 366-2504 (for this event only),
Through April 21, "The Gilded Age: Treasures from the Smithsonian American Art Museum"
Through April 28, "Ansel Adams: The Man Who Captured the Earth's Beauty Part II;"
Through June 16, "Art Glass: The Collection of Marjorie and Robert McDorman
Through July 28, "Pierre Joseph Redoute: A Man Passionate About Flowers," (704) 337-2000 for all other events, www.muntmuseum.org

Museum of Life and Science
Ongoing events, Durham
April 19, "Parents Night Out" Educational programs, activities and dinner for 4-12 year olds.
Through April 30, "Bodies in Motion," (919) 220-5429, www.ncmls.org

"Dinostories"
Through April 27, Oxford
Granville County Museum
A hands-on, all ages exhibit
Free, (919) 693-9706

Timberlake-Wyeth Art Exhibit
Through April 28, Chapel Hill Museum, paintings by Bob Timberlake and Andrew Wyeth, (919) 967-1400

Tibetan Portrait: The Power of Compassion
Through June 2, Raleigh, Exploris, I-MAX film, (919) 834-4040, www.exploris.org

Museum of Natural Sciences
Through June 2, Raleigh
Wildlife photography exhibit (919) 733-7450, www.naturalsciences.org

Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure
Through Dec., Raleigh
Exploris, I-MAX film, (919) 834-4040, www.exploris.org

Youth Expression
April 3-5, Greensboro
Greensboro Cultural Center
Exhibit of African American Atelier's youth program, (336) 333-6885

"Steel Magnolias"
April 4-6 & 10-13, Salisbury
Meroney Theater, 7 p.m.; April 7, 2:30 p.m., adults $14/students & seniors $12/Weds. $12, (704) 633-5471, www.piedmontplayers.com

New Bern Arts & Gardens Tour
April 5-6, New Bern
Tour of historic homes, plus trolley rides, arts, crafts & food, $15/$18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., (252) 638-8558

Durham Spring Carnival
April 5-14, Durham
Durham County Stadium, 5-11 p.m., Weds.-Thur.; 5 p.m.- 12 a.m., Fri.-Sat; 12-6 p.m., Sun., free, (919) 477-0264

Silent Auction/Steak Dinner
April 6, Denton
South Davidson High School, 6 p.m., $15, (336) 859-5922

N.C. Rennaissance Faire
April 6-7, Raleigh
Medieval fair w/jousting, daily dragon egg hunts for kids, storytelling, etc., 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m., $5/$10, under 5 free, (919) 755-8004, www.ncrenfaire.com

Chapel Hill Garden Club
April 6-7, Chapel Hill
Greenwood Gardens, Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun., noon-4 p.m., $15/$20, $5 youth, under 6 free, (919) 962-0522, www.maagcom.com/gardentour2002

"KILA"
April 7, Spindale
The Foundation Performing Arts & Conference Center
2:30 p.m., $5/$10, (828) 286-3636, ext. 380

Gem & Crystal Show/Sale
April 12-14, Greensboro
Greensboro Coliseum
(336) 373-2200

Rabbit Show
April 13, Dallas
Taylorsville Fairgrounds, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., free, (704) 922-4907

Young Musicians Competition & Recital
April 13-14, Southern Pines
3 p.m., Weymouth Center
(910) 692-6261

Native American Powwow
April 13-14, Hamlet
Richmond Community College
Noon, (910) 582-7000
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Marriages & Weddings 20th Century Style
April 14, Oakboro
Oakboro Regional Musuem, 2-5 p.m., (704) 485-3612

Comedy & Pet Theater
April 18, Winston-Salem
Stevens Center, 7 p.m.
$12/$10, (336) 721-1945

Ruritan Spring Festival
April 20, Union Grove
Union Grove School, starts at 8 a.m., parade, baking & photography contests, car show, music
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Johnnie Tilley Bluegrass Festival
April 20, Statesville
Central Elementary School
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Earth Day Weekend
April 20-21, Asheboro
N.C. Zoological Park, Earth Day activities, (800) 488-0444

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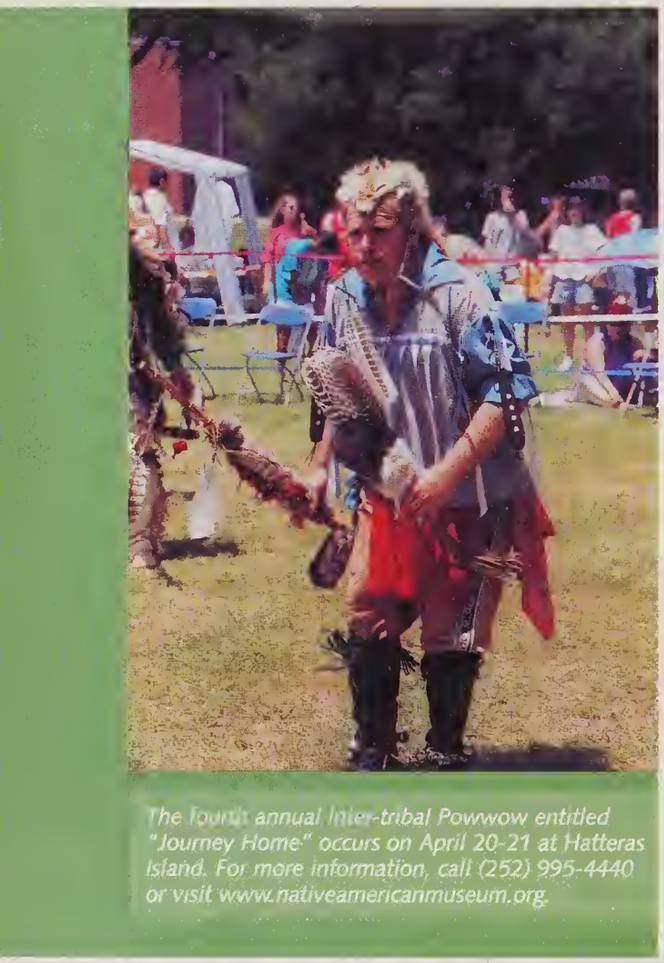

The fourth annual Inter-tribal Powwow entitled "Journey Home" occurs on April 20-21 at Hatteras Island. For more information, call (252) 995-4440 or visit www.nativeamericanmuseum.org.

Spring-Time-In-The-Country
April 21, Whispering Pines
1 p.m., free, (910) 949-3433

Apple Chill Street Fair
April 21, Chapel Hill
Art celebration, music, dance, 1-6 p.m., free, (919) 968-2784

"Fiddler On the Roof"
April 23-28, Greensboro
War Memorial Auditorium, Coliseum, (336) 373-2199

Raleigh Bottle Show
April 27, Raleigh
State Fairgrounds, (919) 789-4545, [illegible]

International Festival
April 27, Durham
Civic Center Plaza, food, games & crafts from around the world, free, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (919) 560-4107

Rail Days 2002
April 27-28, Spencer
North Carolina Transportation Museum, Entertainment, food, railway history, 9-5 p.m., (704) 636-2889

Pottery Festival
May 4-5, Sanford
Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center, $2/$5 10 a.m.-6 p.m., (919) 774-6625, www.sanfordpottery.com

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Pig Cookin' Contest
April 5-6, Newport
Community Park, (252) 223-PIGS (7447)

Maritime Museum
Ongoing, Wilmington
April 6-21, "Boat Building," 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., (252) 728-7317
www.ncmm-friends.org

Flower and Garden Show
April 6-7, Barco
Currituck High School, free
(252) 232-2262

Storytelling Festival
April 12-13, Beaufort
East Carteret High School on Fri., West Carteret High School on Sat., $15 includes meal from 5-7 p.m., storytelling at 7:30 p.m., (252)728-1500

Bicycle By the Beach Day
April 13, Emerald Isle
Free, (252) 354-6350

Spring Bluegrass & Gospel Show
April 13, Albemarle
Agri-Civic Center, "IIIrd Time Out," 7 p.m., $6-$15, kids under 5 free, (704) 485-8833

Homes Tour and Art Show
April 13, Emerald Isle
Various homes & Dolphin Ridge Clubhouse, 10-4 p.m., $10, no children or pets allowed, (252) 354-3680

"Gods & Men: Ancient Art in Raleigh"
April 18, Washington
Free, (252) 946-2504

Battle of Plymouth Living History Weekend
April 19-21, Plymouth
Period crafts, music, demonstrations, $6 advance fee, $10 after April 1, (252) 793-1377, www.livinghistoryweekend.com

Homes and Gardens Tour
April 20, Bath
Tour of nine homes, 10 gardens, $15 per person, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., (252) 923-1942

Publick Day
April 20, Beaufort
Beaufort Historic Site, colonial flea market, arts, crafts, food, music,. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., free, (800) 575-SITE/(252) 728-5225

Contra Dance
April 20, Beaufort
Duke Marine Lab, music by Bogue Sounds, 7 p.m, beginner's session, 7:30 p.m, (252) 728-6874

A Heritage Celebration
April 20, Edenton
Albemarle Learning Center, celebration of multiculturalism 10 a.m.-4 p.m., (252) 482-5769

Inter-Tribal Powwow "Journey Home"
April 20-21, Hatteras Island
Starts 10 a.m., (252) 995-4440, www.nativeamericanmuseum.org

Civil War Encampment
April 20-21, Richlands
Onslow County Museum
Free, (910) 324-5008

Bath Fun Day
April 21, Bath
Visitors center, noon-5 p.m., Arts, crafts, music, horse & buggy rides, (252) 923-5571

Spring Kiln Opening
April 20-21, Seagrove
Pottery events, Sat., 9- 5 p.m.; Sun., noon-5 p.m., (336) 873-7304 or (336) 873-7258

Beaufort By the Sea Music Festival
April 26-28, Beaufort
Various free concerts
(252) 728-6894.

Alumni Music Fest and Barbeque
April 27, Washington
John A. Wilkinson Building
Starts 10 a.m., BBQ dinner 11 a.m.-2 p.m., (252) 944-4JAW

Art in the Park
April 27, Southport
(910) 253-2672

Spring Fine Art & Craft Festival
April 27 & 28, Swansboro
Kristi's Gallery, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
(910) 326-7222, www.kristisgallery.com

Medieval Festival
April 28, Wilmington
Poplar Grove Plantation, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., arts, crafts, petting zoo pony rides and music, $5, (910) 686-9518, ext. 26

Meet Bob Timberlake
April 20, Lexington
9 a.m.-5 p.m.,Spring Open House of Gallery, 1-4p.m., Meet Bob, (336) 249-4428 (800) 244-0095, www.bobtimberlake.com

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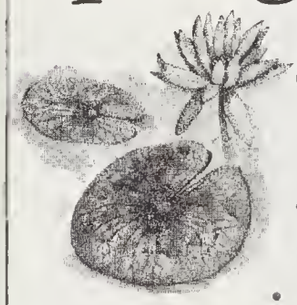

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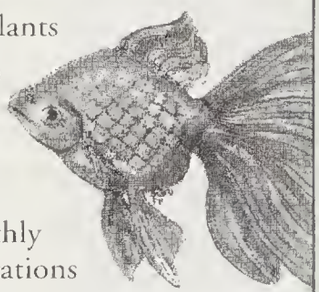

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Hank's gardening guide

by Hank Smith

In April, spend pleasant hours outdoors developing garden project plans made during winter. Prepare planting beds for summer, look ahead to autumn gardens, and contemplate changes in the overall landscape.

Watch for leafhoppers

Leafhoppers are slender, delicate sucking insects about ⅛ inch or less in length. They drain plants of important juices, which results in the curling and whitening of leaves. Sometimes the tips of leaves die on plants. Some leafhoppers transmit disease. Commonly attacked plants include: aster, calendula, gladiolus, dahlia, hollyhock, marigold, rose and zinnia.

Control these pests with malathion dust or spray with liquid malathion or cygon. Never use the same sprayer for insecticides and fungicides as you do for weed killers. Fine-mesh netting, often called "row cover" is a non-poisonous way to control insect pests, as well as squirrels and birds that often feed upon strawberries and blueberries.

GARDENER'S TIP

Side dressing

An application of fertilizer, usually one containing nitrogen only, alongside the rows or in a circle around growing plants. This ensures a nitrogen supply as plants grow and develop. Side dressing is particularly beneficial in sandy soils or in seasons of abundant rainfall as nitrogen has a bad habit of being washed or leached out of the root zone.

Taken from the Texas A&M University System Agriculture Program, Author: Jerry Parsons

Planting chrysanthemums

Chrysanthemums ensure colorful accents in autumn gardens. The golds, yellows, bronzes and rusts reflect colorful autumn leaves. Low-growing, cushion-type mums are not disbudded like the tall-growing "football" types. The latter type should be staked for support in autumn winds. If you desire house shade, but lack space for a tree, try vines on trellises for house walls facing west or south. Also, consider using vine trellises near windows. They can lower temperatures as much as 10 degrees.

Hang the color

Hanging baskets of blooming plants add splashes of color to the summer scene—often in unexpected places. Houses with roof overhangs allow outdoor color to flourish with baskets hanging outside of windows. Make certain that winds cannot blow baskets against glass. Decks and patios may also have overhead spots for hanging baskets.

Chrysanthemums in bloom.

Photo courtesy of the National Chrysanthemum Society. Local chapters in Asheville and Raleigh. Visit www.mums.org.

Use tall trees to support baskets of annuals. Almost any garden flower is appropriate if they do not grow tall. Some examples include: petunias, dwarf marigold, tornia, sweet alyssum, drummond phlox, ageratum, vinca and dwarf mums.

Lasting lantana

Before summer's heat arrives, lantana can be transplanted with success. In late May and early June, cuttings are easily rooted from tip growth. Remove flowers and dust cut end with Rootone. Plunge cuttings into a container of moist potting soil. Container should have drainage holes. They should root in several weeks. Lantanas are effective groundcovers for steep slopes; they are also a good choice for stone walls. These plants prefer full sun and fertile soil.

Hort Shorts

- Keep a good all-purpose insecticide-fungicide mixture handy to control insects and diseases of tomatoes, beans, cucumbers and other crops.
- Sprinkle coffee grounds to attract earthworms and repel other pests. Earthworms are excellent for soil conditioning.
- Keep your vegetables producing with a high-nitrogen mix fertilizer such as 16-8-8 or 20-10-5 for a *side dressing*. One application every two-to-three weeks after planting is usually sufficient. Long season crops like tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and okra need side dressing every two-to-three weeks during growing season.

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Grits

1¼ cups chicken broth
1½ cups milk
¾ cup quick grits
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Shrimp

1 cup diced bacon
1 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
½ cup thinly sliced strips green bell pepper
½ cup thinly sliced strips red bell pepper
½ cup slivered onion
Sliced green onions and shredded cheddar cheese for garnish
Tabasco sauce

To prepare grits, bring chicken broth and milk to a boil in large saucepan. Stir in grits and salt; return to boil. Cover and reduce heat to low. Cook 5 minutes until thickened, stirring occasionally. Stir in cheddar cheese. Keep warm.
To prepare shrimp dish, cook bacon in skillet until crisp. Remove from skillet and drain bacon on paper towels; set aside. Drain all but 2 tablespoons drippings from skillet. Add shrimp, peppers and onion; cook until vegetables are tender and shrimp turns pink, about 3 to 5 minutes. Season with Tabasco sauce. Stir in bacon. Serve shrimp mixture over warm cheese grits. Garnish with chopped green onions and shredded Cheddar cheese.
Yield: 6 servings

From "Mama Dip's Kitchen," Chapel Hill

Mud Pie

This recipe makes two pies.

1 box (18¼ ounces) German Chocolate cake mix
1 stick margarine or butter, cut into pieces (4 ounces)
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, cut into pieces
1 cup brown sugar, packed
2 cups chopped walnuts
1 can (3½ ounces) flaked coconut

Grease two 9-inch pie pans. Prepare the cake batter according to package directions and spread evenly in the pans. In a saucepan over low heat, soften the cream cheese and margarine and combine well. Remove from heat and add the brown sugar, mixing well. Add the walnuts and coconut, stirring to mix. Using a spoon, place the cream cheese mixture evenly over the cake batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes.

From Mast General Store, Valle Crucis

Cabbage Casserole

1 large head of cabbage, shredded
1 onion, chopped
6 tablespoons butter, divided
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 (8 ounce) processed cheese loaf, cubed
Salt and pepper, to taste
¼ cup dry bread crumbs

Cook cabbage in boiling salted water until tender; drain thoroughly. In a large skillet, sauté onion in 3 tablespoons of butter until tender. Add soup and mix well. Add cheese; heat and stir until melted. Remove from heat. Stir in cabbage, salt and pepper. Transfer to an ungreased 2-quart baking dish. In a small skillet, melt remaining butter. Cook and stir bread crumbs in butter until lightly browned. Sprinkle over casserole. Bake uncovered in preheated 350-degree oven for 20 to 30 minutes or until heated through.

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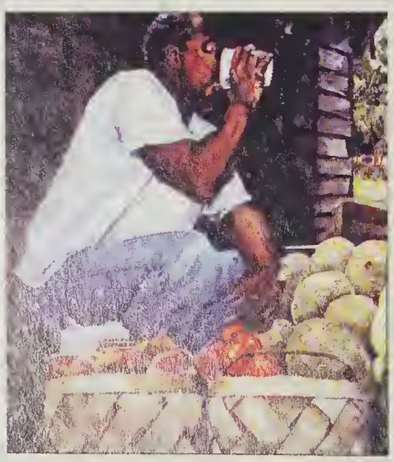

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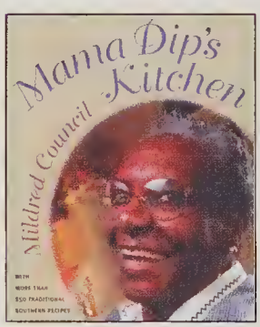

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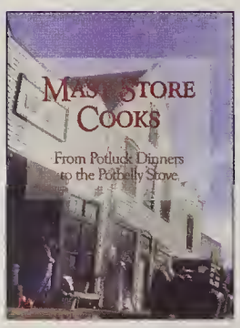

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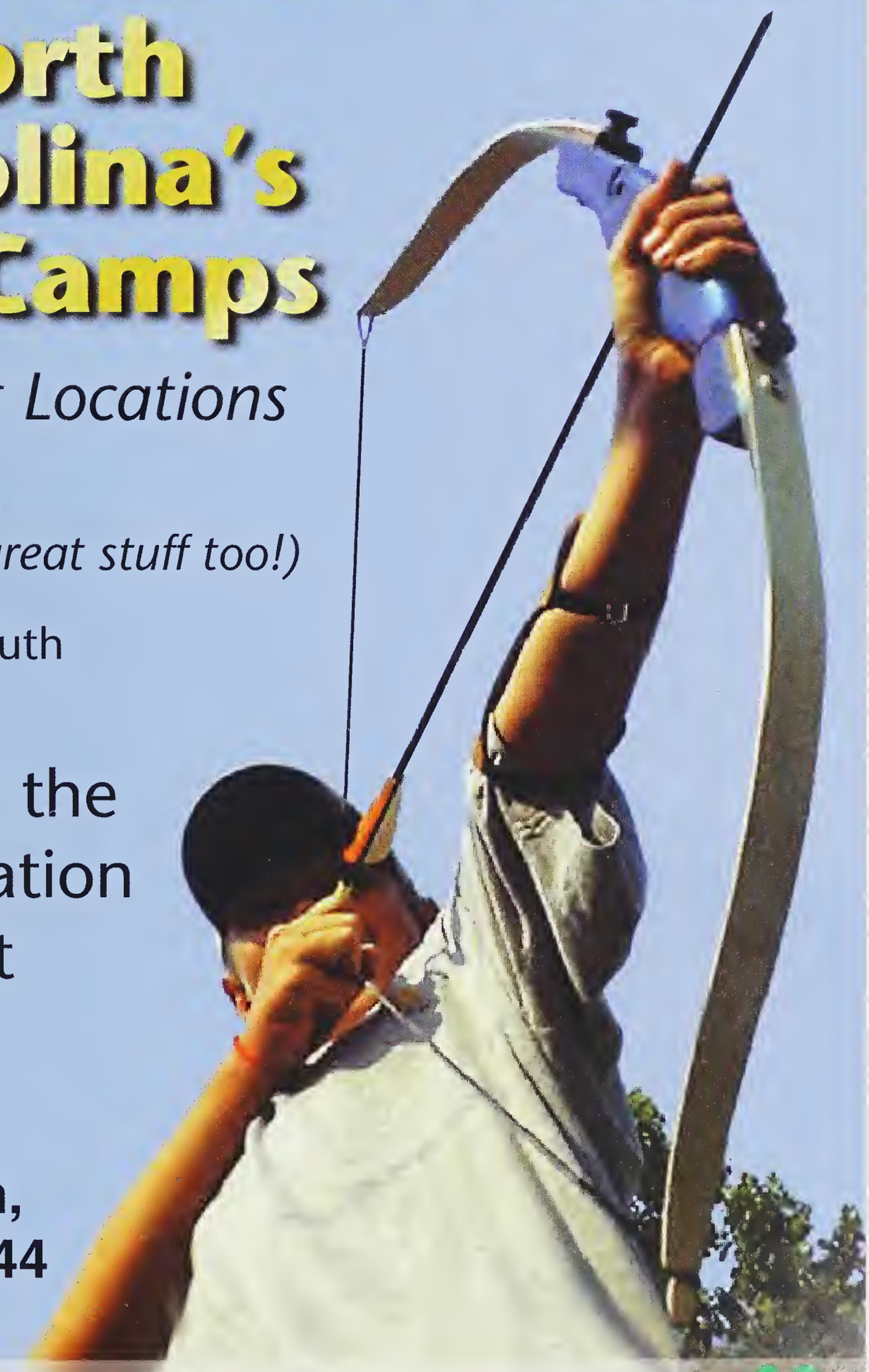

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